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Ft. Benning Salutes Returned Combat Veterans On 26th Anniversary

TO FORT BENNING'S RETURNED COMBAT VETERANS is this 26th Anniversary issue dedicated. These men have come back to us from the hell that is battle to make better soldiers of us through the knowledge which they can impart to us through experience. We regret that because of limitations of space we can publish the pictures of only a few of them, heroes all. Cpl. Henderson, C Company, Academic Regiment, fought in Burma as a machine gunner with Merrill's Marauders. Commando Kelly, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor for action in Italy, is the one-man army. He is a

member of Company C, Academic Regiment. Sgt. Paul Huff is the first paratrooper to win the Congressional Medal of Honor. He too won the Medal in Italy. He is now assigned to the Parachute School here. Sgt. Noonan, D Company, Academic Regiment, led a platoon for three months in the thick of battle on Guadalcanal. Sgt. Sparks, Company C, Academic Regiment, landed at Salerno and fought on unscathed throughout the campaign until relieved near Cassino. Pvt. Brorson, member of the 3d Infantry, mounts vigil on a high point overlooking the sea in Newfoundland. Sgt. Sneed, Company A, Acad-

emic Regiment, won the Silver Star for gallantry in action near Bloody Ridge, San Stefano, Sicily. He also holds the Purple Heart with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He also fought at Salerno and Anzio. Cpl. Holton in the absence of all officers and non-coms, commanded a company as a private first class near Cassino. For his initiative and gallantry he was awarded the Silver Star. He is now with the Academic Regiment. Sgt. Sherman of Company C, Academic Regiment, won the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in Africa which resulted in occupation of the Kasserine Pass without loss of a

single life. As first sergeant, he commanded a unit which marched through "impassable" mountains and outflanked and surprised the enemy who though superior in numbers was thrown into confusion and forced to retire. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photos by Sgt. Jack Newman and the Parachute School Photographic Section (excepting Newfoundland shot). The Bayonet herewith acknowledges with thanks the cooperation of Sgt. Walter Miller for his assistance in photographing Academic Regiment veterans. Layout by Cpl. M. T. Goodenough.)

TIS Has Seen Many Changes In Last Year

Many changes took place in the personnel and components of The Infantry School in the last year, just as there have been in units attached to the school.

The turnover in units attached to the school has been almost 100 per cent. Gone are the 200th, 131st and 178th Infantry Regiments in their places are the 3d and 4th Infantry Regiments, coming here from Newfoundland and Alaska, respectively. The 481st Engineer Co. has replaced the 528th Engineers Light Pontoon Co. The 787th Tank Battalion has replaced the 705th Tank Battalion. The 14th, 521st and 550th Field Artillery Battalions have replaced the 25th, 244th and 252nd Field Artillery Battalions. The Truck Regiment was replaced by the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th Truck Battalions, operating under the school.

The Second Student Training Regiment was re-activated as a result of overseas barracks and other facilities of the 1st and 3d Student Training Regiments, which in turn resulted from the increase in officer candidate classes and advanced officer classes.

VEES ON FACILITY

Throughout the year, constant changes were made to keep the instructions given in the school up to the minute to meet the ever changing requirements of the war. In this connection, many officers, returned from overseas combat duty, were added to the faculty.

Changes in the personnel were also numerous, chief of which was the assignment of Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, commander of the 36th Division, to succeed Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel as commander.

Lt. Col. J. Trimble Brown, formerly with the 26th Division, replaced Col. Robert H. Lord as school was moved to Fort Sill.

commanding officer of the 1st Student Training Regiment. Col. John S. Moore, from the 354th Infantry, replaced Col. Paul N. Starlings as commanding officer of the 2d Infantry. Col. Wilson McK. Spann, formerly commanding officer of the ASTP basic training center, placed in command of the Second Student Training Regiment.

There were also many changes in the faculty. The accomplishments of the last year further established The Infantry School as the world's greatest institution for military education and the development of military leaders. That the school has become great is a distinct tribute to those Army officers who fought for it during its dark years that followed World War I. Theirs was not an easy task.

THE BEGINNINGS

The first school of this kind in the United States was established in Jefferson Barracks in 1826 and was known as The Infantry School of Practice. Indian war interrupted the school and it was closed after two years.

In 1897 Gen. Arthur MacArthur, commander of the Pacific Division, realized the need for coordinating the training of Infantry and established, within his department, the School of Musketry at the Presidio in Monterey, California.

The success of the school resulted in efforts to have it taken over as an Army institution. This was effected in 1918 when the school was moved to Fort Sill.



GENERAL WALKER MEETS GENERAL WALKER—Brig. Gen. William G. Walker (left), who recently assumed command of the School Troops Brigade, The Infantry School, is shown above with Major Fred L. Walker, commander of The Infantry School. (Official U. S. Photo—The Infantry School.)

Oklahoma and its name was changed to The Infantry School of Arms.

The first World War created serious problems at Fort Sill. To begin with, both the Artillery School of Fire and The Infantry School of Arms were too big for that station. The Artillery being there first, The Infantry School was, in effect, an unwanted stepchild.

In an effort to relieve the congestion, The Small Arms Firing School was established at Camp Perry, Ohio, and a short time later, the Machine Gun School was set up at Camp Hancock near Augusta, Georgia. The Infantry School of Arms continued to function at Fort Sill.

However, the three widely separated units provided a situation that was not satisfactory and steps were taken to select a site where all three could be combined. Several sites were taken into consideration and the choice finally narrowed down to two, one at Fayetteville, N. C., and the other at Columbus, Ga. The Artillery was also seeking a new location for a training center. The site at Fayetteville was assigned to the Artillery which established what is now known as Fort Bragg.

FIRST CONTINGENT

The Infantry Work was begun on frame buildings at a temporary location along Macon Road, eight miles north of the present school headquarters. The first contingent of troops arrived from Fort Sill on October 4, 1918, 23 days before the Armistice.

The Macon Road site proved inadequate and work was begun at a second location on the reservation. That location is the present home of The Infantry School and was known as the old Bussey Plantation. The post was named Camp Benning after General Henry L. Benning, a distinguished Confederate officer.

Shortly after work had begun at the second location, the War Department ordered a revision of plans which provided for the purchase of 115,000 acres. The acreage authorized to be purchased was cut to 98,000 with accommodations for 10,000 men instead of 24,000. This was in December 1918. Then in the following January, the appropriation was cut again to provide for only 5,040 men. From that point, the project moved swiftly until June of 1919 when the School was moved from the Macon Road site to its present location. At about that time the War Department directed the purchase of land and the construction of buildings ceased.

The fate of The Infantry School swung in the balance for the next nine months while Congress wrangled over the appropriation. At the end of that time, the War Department proved its case and Congress decided to continue the project. The schools at Camp Perry and Camp Hancock had some time previously been moved to Camp Benning and the combination was named The Infantry School. However, the School itself was not made a permanent institution until 1922 at which time it was called Fort Benning. From that point, the School grew steadily.

MOST COMPLETE POST

The School is now the most complete Army post in the country.

their for only a short while until August 9, 1941, when a new building was built. The commanding officer would be the senior officer of the post, but the command was then shifted to Brig. General Bradley, The Infantry School. He was succeeded by Brig. General Allen in February, 1942.

Two months later on March 30, a rule was adopted which decreed that the Commandant or Assistant Commandant of a special service school could not serve as the commanding officer of a fort.

Col. Walter R. Fulton, later Brigadier General, who had been the Post executive officer, was specifically designated by the War Department on April 8 as the commanding officer of the Post.

TRAINING REGIMENTS

In addition to the Headquarters and Academic Department, The Infantry School is composed of the First, Second and Third Student Training Regiments, the School Troops Brigade and the Academic Regiment.

The First Student Training Regiment, consisting of officers and enlisted students, is located on the Main Post. Its officers' courses include Basic, Advanced, New Division Officers' Motor and Officers' Communication courses. There are also Motor and Communication courses for enlisted personnel.

The Second and Third Student Training Regiments in the Harmon Church, has as its purpose the training of Officer Candidates who are studying for commissions as Infantry Officers and officers who are taking the Officers' Cannon Course.

The School Troops Brigade plays a most important part in The Infantry School. Its troops stage mock battles in connection with certain phases of instruction and serve as enlisted instructors. Troops in the Brigade include two regiments of Infantry, three field artillery battalions, an engineer light pontoon company, a tank battalion, and a tank destroyer battalion. The Truck Battalions, also part of the Brigade, provides motor transportation for students and administrative personnel.

The Third Composite Squadron, Third Air Force, located on Lawson Field, has as its purpose, demonstrations in connection with air and ground cooperation.

The Academic Regiment is a unit of officers and enlisted personnel assigned to Headquarters of The Infantry School, the Academic Department of The Infantry School and the Range Detachment. Included in the personnel of the regiment are two Detachments of WACs and the Special Service Detachment.

This regiment can trace its history to the founding of the school itself in Monterey. At that time, it was a detachment with a complement of five men. At its peak it boasted a strength of some 2,300. It is the most "highly rated" regiment in the army, having an authorized strength of only 216 privates.

Serious Slip

Skipper—"...and why were you prodding?"

EX-Yeoman—"In the casualty report I said the men had 'bottle fatigue' instead of 'battle' fatigue."

Post Exchange Gift Shop Mecca Of Local Personnel

November brings an anniversary reminder from Mrs. Harriet Weeks, manager of the Post Exchange Gift Shop, that Christmas is only a little over a month away and that it's time to begin looking around for that gift for some loved one or friend.

The Gift Shop, also known as the Craft Shop, is located on Viburnum near the Post Office and Bank and is open from 8:30 to 5 p. m. daily except Sunday and 8:30 to 1 on Saturday.

It is a shop for men but there are also plenty of gifts suitable for women and children.

Men's stuff includes lighters, tobacco pouches, lighter fluids and flints, cigarette cases, leather wallets, locker file cases, letter paper holders, pens, penscils, brief cases, toilet article cases, etc. Then the gift lists for the GI to buy for his woman include a variety that covers all the tastes that the girl friend or wife could possibly think of. There are gifts in perfume, dresser sets, jewelry of the Army motif, novelty and costume jewelry, beautiful utility boxes for dressers, playing cards, cosmetics, and a great variety of decorative small articles.

Pins of rank, non-com, and commissioned, in gold and silver, to be worn by the women of men holding these ranks, are featured. Of course, there is a toy room where men can satisfy their children's wants in all sort of toys and books for little tots and pre-teen children, too.

Then there is a baby shop off to the side where the GI can see his wife enjoy herself if she is along or in the Fort Benning vicinity.

For a strictly "made in Georgia" gift Mrs. Weeks offers the Shuck-aniny family—maw, paw, the

ASF Steps Up Tire Reconditioning In Face of Shortage

A drive by the Army Service Forces to step up tire reconditioning in the Service Commands has resulted in the Third Service Command being the first to exceed its quota, the Maintenance Division, ASF, reports.

More than 9,000 tires turned in as unserviceable have been put back into use by the Third Service Command's stepping up of production in commercial tire reconditioning shops. Quotas were set up in August by the Office of Chief of Ordnance. The Third Service Command increased its production in September 15 percent over August.

So badly needed are tires for combat vehicles in overseas theaters that the 481st Ordnance Tire Repair Company is now on extended training at the Red River Ordnance Depot, Texas. Its mission is to increase reconditioning of mud and snow tires.

Stepping up reconditioning facilities to the maximum is helping the critical tire situation but preventive maintenance on the part of drivers is still the sure way of keeping vehicles in action.

JAPS LEARN NOT TO PLAY WITH ROBOTS

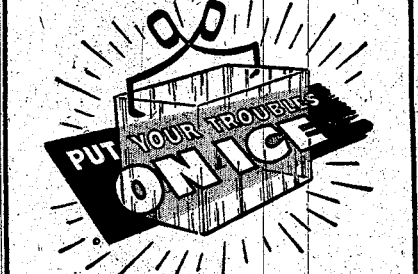
CAMP MCCOY, Wis.—(ALNS) A rocket bomb picked up by a Jap detail and smuggled into their quarters, exploded and killed one prisoner and injured five others.

This is one of the few places of confinement for the less than 2,000 Japanese prisoners of war held in the United States.

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AND MUSIC FILLS THE BREEZE as the entire student body of Children's School at Fort Benning makes the rafters ring with a chorus of "America." THE BAYONET photographer was passing the school on the way to an assignment and was attracted by the sound of childish voices lifted in song. A period daily is devoted to chorus singing. (Photo by Cpl. Tony Carrington, Signal Photo Lab.)



AN IMPORTANT ACTIVITY of Children's School is the kindergarten for pre-school age Army children. The kindergarten department is completely furnished and equipped with all types of toys, play things, dolls, and doll houses, drawing equipment, etc., to keep the tiny tots happy. Darned cute, aren't they? (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo by Cpl. Tony Carrington.)

Mud, Dust Responsible For Post School Founding

Twenty-three years ago Fort Benning was a system of paved roads. It was the same distance from Columbus as it is today—twelve miles. But in 1944 the main difficulty was that this military city was in the midst of a dry season.

One good result of pre-paved road days in these parts was that the Fort Benning children's school was established. While it would be unthinkable that a city the size of Fort Benning is today should be without a grade school, despite the fine school system headed by Dr. Paul Munro down in Columbus, the school was founded because parents stationed on the post objected to the children having to make a daily round trip to school through mire or dust.

Miss Annie Lou Grimes was appointed principal of the children's school, and she was given two assistants to help her instill character and the three R's in the minds of the 60 children who were given into her care. Today there are 14 teachers who instruct more than 300 children.

GROWTH GRATIFYING

"It has been interesting and gratifying to watch the school grow, keeping pace with the expansion of Fort Benning as a whole," Miss Grimes said this week with a gleam of satisfaction in those wise eyes of hers.

"We inaugurated our activities at Fort Benning in a four-room frame building which was used as an evening school for soldiers. The desks provided were for adults, and the children had to rest their feet on boxes to be able to

'Old Guard' Does Its Share Of Entertaining

Talented Third Infantry Cockades, under the supervision of the Regimental Special Service office, have been pitching in wholeheartedly in the entertainment activities of the Post since their arrival here.

Men of the "Old Guard" have performed on the bandstand, over the airwaves, Service clubs, company day-rooms, hospital, and in the field.

The Third's orchestra made its debut at the Regimental "Sweetheart" reception and dance, and has since taken its place with the other musical units on the Post in providing dance music and entertainment for Fort Benning GIs.

With an outstanding theatrical record to live up to, Cockade showmen are being called upon regularly and are giving unstintingly of their time and talents. Radio broadcasts, variety shows, Quiz, and novelty programs are but a few of the offerings these talented entertainers have up their theatrical sleeves. Ever growing popularity is evidenced by the constant flood of requests for those talents in entertainment programs throughout the Post.

HIT RADIO SHOWS

Cockade entertainers have been putting over hit radio shows for the past 30 weeks, and the 3d's

get their heads over the tops of the desks to watch the blackboard.

"It's indeed a far cry from the modern, concrete, fire-proof structure we have today, with its 12 class rooms; its fine library; its excellent art, manual training, and home economics department; and its spacious auditorium."

SCHOOL FACULTY

The faculty includes Miss Grimes, who in addition to her duties as principal, instructs first graders; Miss Margaret Ellison and Miss Nellie Porter, kindergarten teachers; Mrs. Burr and Miss Emily Stephenson, first grade; Mrs. J. W. Matthews and Mrs. Beas Lockhart, second grade; Miss Susan Colquitt, third grade; Miss Rose Jacobs, fourth grade; Miss Rachael Marshall, fifth grade; Mrs. Lois Moore, sixth grade; and Miss Lillian Wells, seventh grade.

Mrs. G. K. Reiney is art instructor; Mrs. Robert Israel teaches music; Mrs. B. K. Harris, home economics; and Sgt. R. V. Wall, USA, Retired, manual training. Mrs. Clare Field serves as librarian.

Today Miss Grimes eagerly scans the newspapers for reports on the deeds of her boys on the far-flung battlefields of the world, and many are the names which she once "roll-called" and now recognize on the list of U. S. heroes. Their names are far too numerous to mention. And whenever any of them are in the vicinity they make it a point to come back to the scenes of their childhood to pay a visit with their former teacher.

idently just what the doctor ordered.

ALWAYS AVAILABLE

Participating in Post-wide entertainment programs, Regimental and unit affairs, the soldier-showman of the 3rd have at all times made themselves available wherever and whenever their talents were deemed useful. Whether it be a picnic at the Straus estate, a company party or dance, a special holiday occasion, or a Post soldier show, Cockade performers could be found leading their talent in every instance, and living up to the tradition set by a Regiment that is credited with organizing the first GI theatrical troupe and producing the first all-soldier production since the American troops landed in Newfound-land.

Sponsoring all-soldier entertainment is certainly not a new field for the Third Infantry Regiment, since it was among the first units to adapt itself to the conditions faced by troops stationed in a war zone where the importance of soldiers providing their own means of entertainment cannot be too highly emphasized. The "Old Guard" not only proved itself eminently competent in fulfilling the entertainment needs of its own organization, but also provided performance of the shows before capacity RCA and RCAF audiences.

One of the more exciting experiences of the 3d showmen came when an SOS for entertainment was flashed to Base Headquarters from a troop ship bound northward but anchored in harbor with all soldier personnel quarantined. They needed some diversion. Base notified the Post Special Service office and in short order the soldier theatrical troupe worked up a variety show, ferried over to the ship and presented a program of entertainment that turned out to be a definite hit. Co-incidentally this troop ship happened to be the same one that at a later date transported many of the "Old Guard" back to the States.

HELP GYPSEY OUT

Ordered to Camp Butler, the "Old Guard" began an intensive period of military training but without neglecting its Special Service activities. It was while at Butler that the Third Infantry orchestra was organized.

Called upon constantly to present shows for War Bond drives, providing entertainment to help raise money for the Infante Paralysis fund, furnishing dance music and entertainment for GI functions, and presenting talent for Post shows, the Cockades rocked to the limelight in very short order.

Whey Gypsey Rose Lee appeared at Camp Butler, the six "chorus girls" assisting her were

drawn from the ranks of Cockade talent. At the Center theater, Durham, N. C., Cockade performers helped put over the top the goal set for the War Bond Drive in that area.

Here at Fort Benning, with Cockade talent spreading its wings and with the ever growing demand for entertainment, the Regimental Special Service office is constantly urging and encouraging who is gifted in this field to participate in any of the entertainment activities for which his talents are most suited.

Why is it the things we like are either illegal, immoral or against army regulations.

"That was lousy coffee we had for breakfast. Tasted like iodine."

"Yeh, and so strong! It kept me awake all during the training film."

Overheard: "Listen, Mabel, you've been holding my hands for hours. Is it love or don't you trust me?"

Sailor: "I can't see what keeps you girls from freezing."

Babe: "Silly, you're not supposed to."

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Signal Photo Lab Turns Out 10,000 Pix Monthly

The fellow who said a camera-man's life is "a snap" was better at turning a pun than describing occupation.

Army photographers at Fort Benning have a massive task pictorializing military activities and the many news stories which materialize on the spot.

Possibly some of the best news photographers at Fort Benning are from the Post Signal Corps photographic laboratory, where, under the direction of Lieut. Col. Harold J. Adams, Chief Signal Officer, and his assistant, Major Herbert W. Cooley, a crew of trained technicians perform a multitude of photographic jobs.

The Signal Corps photographic laboratory runs the gamut of picture taking from news and sports events to technical and historical records photographs. Studio work includes making identification pictures and reproduction of legal documents and papers.

T-4 Jack Newman is photographic chief. Sgt. Newman has the coordination of the many assignments and the many technical problems that arise. T-5 Anthony Carrington is chief photographer, and Cpl. Ann Dean acts as assistant photographer. S-Sgt. Lorraine Walker is dark room technician, and working with Sgt. Walker are Pte. Philip Charleston and Pte. John Gauger. Pte. Richard Coleman is in charge of the officers' identification department.

An average of 10,000 prints per month ranging from small identification pictures to wall size prints for special effects are made in the laboratory, according to Sgt. Newman.

The Air Base Photographic Laboratory at Lawson Field makes not only still pictures but also moving pictures. Most of their work is for the Parachute School, and the Parachute photographer, Sgt. Harley Ferguson has been commended on several occasions for his fine action pictures.

Lieut. Lawrence Auspurg is in charge of Lawson Field pictorial work and T-Sgt. Arden F. Roots is his assistant.

Another picture agency at Fort Benning is the Photographic section at the Infantry School's Production Plant. M-Sgt. Eugene C. Tinsley is in charge of the Section and S-Sgt. Jack Lieberman

is assistant. Sgt. Lieberman has recently been commended for his outstanding job in pictorializing Fort Benning.

The Section makes training photographs for field manuals and various publications in Fort Benning. T-5 Rogers on assignment to the Public Relations Office of The Infantry School makes the majority of the news pictures.

Trooper Regular Globetrotter

Name a country, any country on the face of the earth, and the chances are that Cpl. Eldon J. Kirkpatrick, recently assigned to Hq. & Hqs. Co., The Parachute School, was there or with it in a few hundred miles of it during the past two years.

To have traveled so extensively is in itself an accomplishment; but to have waged war against the Japs in two separate theaters as well, is almost astounding. Yes, that is what Corporal Kirkpatrick did and he's back at The Parachute School to talk about it.

In the two years he was gone from the States, Corporal Kirkpatrick was in New Zealand, Fiji, Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Australia, China, India, Burma, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Egypt, Nigeria, Brazil, Trinidad, and Puerto Rico.

WAS AT MUNDLA
Following the famous battle for the Munda Airfield on New Georgia, in which Corporal Kirkpatrick was a member of the assault echelon, he volunteered to join a unit which was then just being formed. The work would be dangerous, the men were warned; but they'd get a chance to see another part of the world. To this, Kirkpatrick's shoulder patch now attests: The China-Burma-India theater. The mission was an important one. He became a member of that miraculous crew known as Merrill's Marauders, famed for those jungle tricks which fooled the Nips at every turn and successfully opened a path for the all important Ledo Road.

Fighting sporadically for two and a half months, Kirkpatrick



PERFORATED BY NAZI SHELLFIRE, tires returned to Fort Benning Ordnance Branch from overseas combat theaters are examined by Sergeant Benjamin L. Ellis, driver for Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander. A part of the tire on the left is of Russian manufacture, sewed to cover a shell hole on a Canadian tire factory by ingenious American GIs to keep convoys rolling. The tire held by Sergeant Ellis was riddled by enemy fire. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Shell-Riddled Tires Returned To Action By Yank Ingenuity

Ingenuity of American soldiers driving trucks and jeeps riddled by machine gun bullets with heavy cord, shoe laces and other bits of rope. Drivers were thus able to drive several miles along the convoys routes to keep the supplies pouring into the front line through the use of the "make-shift" tires. Col. Charles M. Crawford, chief of the Ordnance Branch reported:

"One casing picked at random from the several thousand shipped to the Benning Ordnance Shop had a quarter of the tire blasted away by Nazi shell fire.

American soldiers took the Canadian built tire, cut away the perforated section and, by sewing a part of a Russian casing, sewing the two parts together with American cord. Nails were used to fasten the

with the Marauders until they all but took Myitkyna. Within-but a few days of his goal, he became ill with bronchitis and was sent rearward for medical treatment.

TRIALS AND THRILLS
But even the two and a half months had their fill of trials and thrills. From Ledo, the Marauders (one entire battalion of which was composed of jungle veterans of previous experience) cut their way through vines and brush, swamps and mangrove, to clear that section of Burma of Nips.

Two intense battles occurred before Myitkyna. The first, at Walumbum Village, accounted for many a dead Jap. Miles further, the Marauders met fierce resistance at Nippon Ga, and here halted for their longest delay, nine days.

LEARNED TO HIKE
One thing the Marauders did learn to do especially well was to hike. From Ledo to Myitkyna was a long 800 mile trek. Their food was dropped by planes at pre-designated clearances. They had to fight a crude, hateful war. Their mission—to kill as many Japs as they could. And they did just that! The fame of the Marauders has spread far and wide, they were the spearhead of "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell's proud and hard counter-attack.

Just for the "kicks" as Kirkpatrick puts it, he took a three day pass and flew the Hump into China. He took time out to see the Ganges river, and the Taj Mahal in India; and he touched all the better spots on the return to the States, which, incidentally, took only 74 hours flying time.

Formerly a member of Ohio's "Buckeye" 37th Division, Kirkpatrick is from Ashland, Ohio.

Co-ed: "I blush so easily. Whenever I sit down and think, I blush. What can I do about it?"
Psychologist: "Try to think about something else."

Cupid makes so many bad shots because he's aiming at the heart and looking at the hosiery. . . . However, you can get along with any woman if you will constantly keep in mind the important little things. For instance, all women enjoy flowers and jewelry. Let her know that you remember by speaking of them occasionally.

A young lieutenant, called upon to address a meeting of majors, colonels and generals was obviously suffering from stage fright when he began his lecture. In a moment, however, he gained complete poise.

Noting the change, one of the general asked the lieutenant how it had been accomplished.
"That's easy, sir," asserted the shavetail. "I just imagined you were all attired in underwear."

Truck Battalions Get 'Em Where They Are Going

Personnel of the Truck Battalions, The Infantry School, enjoy the distinction of belonging to units that have, through a period of 23 months, experienced the "growing pains" of newly activated outfits, enjoyed the numerous activities of a full fledged regiment and finally entered a phase of training that strongly suggest more important duties in the future.

The First, Second, Third and Fourth Truck Battalions date their history back to December 1942 when they were activated as part of the Provisional Truck Regiment. The Regiment's mission was to provide transportation for the many students of the Infantry School and these battalions contained the companies that furnished the drivers and vehicles.

These battalions were faced with the problem of training men with basic training in the infantry and hardly any motor experience—to drive, maintain and repair vehicles of such varied sizes as the quarter-ton "Jeep" and the giant tractor-trailer van. Time for training was limited but when the dispatch for The Infantry School was given to the following officers: Major William Williams, First Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Thomas M. Evans, Second Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Ralph A. Galt, Third Battalion, and Lieutenant Colonel John W. Ross, Fourth Battalion.

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However, on battlefields throughout the world, men with "Truck Regiment" training are distinguishing themselves and paving the way for others who, with the mark of approval by The Infantry School, are likely to join them at any moment.

Putting vehicles on blocks in England during the long weeks of waiting in England prior to invasion provided the Army with good sound tires, worth their weight in gold no on the fronts in France and Germany. Holland and Belgium. Blocks hewn from surrounding woodlands was the preventive maintenance that saved priceless rubber.

With the acceleration of the war and the need for quartermaster truck units on more active fronts, the Regiment attracted the attention of "higher up" who subsequently directed the inactivation of the Regimental Headquarters and Detachment while, at the same time, placing the four battalions on a separate, self-operating basis responsible directly to the School Troops Brigade. The command of these battalions was delegated to the following officers: Major William Williams, First Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Thomas M. Evans, Second Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Ralph A. Galt, Third Battalion, and Lieutenant Colonel John W. Ross, Fourth Battalion.

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King For a Day
A soldier in the Air Transport Command brings up a point which may be a sizeable factor in "getting out the soldier's vote." "Thank you for the ballot application," he wrote. "It came as a welcome and very flattering surprise. This is the first time I have been invited to express an opinion on anything in 18 months."

Married life is not a bad life to lead, only you get to do very little leading. — Wingspread, Peterson Field, Colo.

First soldier: "How come you saluted that air corps officer?"
Second sark: "Don't you remember, in orientation we were told to salute our allies?"

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Words to a Young Man
ABOUT TO BECOME ENGAGED

Follow the Maudraiders until they all but took Myitkyna. Within-but a few days of his goal, he became ill with bronchitis and was sent rearward for medical treatment.

TRIALS AND THRILLS
But even the two and a half months had their fill of trials and thrills. From Ledo, the Marauders (one entire battalion of which was composed of jungle veterans of previous experience) cut their way through vines and brush, swamps and mangrove, to clear that section of Burma of Nips.

Two intense battles occurred before Myitkyna. The first, at Walumbum Village, accounted for many a dead Jap. Miles further, the Marauders met fierce resistance at Nippon Ga, and here halted for their longest delay, nine days.

LEARNED TO HIKE
One thing the Maudraiders did learn to do especially well was to hike. From Ledo to Myitkyna was a long 800 mile trek. Their food was dropped by planes at pre-designated clearances. They had to fight a crude, hateful war. Their mission—to kill as many Japs as they could. And they did just that! The fame of the Maudraiders has spread far and wide, they were the spearhead of "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell's proud and hard counter-attack.

Just for the "kicks" as Kirkpatrick puts it, he took a three day pass and flew the Hump into China. He took time out to see the Ganges river, and the Taj Mahal in India; and he touched all the better spots on the return to the States, which, incidentally, took only 74 hours flying time.

Formerly a member of Ohio's "Buckeye" 37th Division, Kirkpatrick is from Ashland, Ohio.

Co-ed: "I blush so easily. Whenever I sit down and think, I blush. What can I do about it?"
Psychologist: "Try to think about something else."

Cupid makes so many bad shots because he's aiming at the heart and looking at the hosiery. . . . However, you can get along with any woman if you will constantly keep in mind the important little things. For instance, all women enjoy flowers and jewelry. Let her know that you remember by speaking of them occasionally.

A young lieutenant, called upon to address a meeting of majors, colonels and generals was obviously suffering from stage fright when he began his lecture. In a moment, however, he gained complete poise.

Noting the change, one of the general asked the lieutenant how it had been accomplished.
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Beau Jack, Hostak Appear On Post Gym Card Nov. 30

Ring Rivals Next Thursday



BEAU JACK AND BRYANT BASS, who will battle in the windup of next Thursday's great ring card in the post gym, square off before one of their recent appearances at Lawson Field. Serving as referee is George Pace, former world bantam champ who was stationed at Fort Benning for two years before his recent transfer to Camp Gordon in Augusta. The Beau, of course, is the former world lightweight king, while Bass is a Southeastern AAU champ. (Official Photo—USAAF.)

Beau Jack Keeps Self in Fighting Trim In Bouts At Alabama Paratrooper Gym

By CORP. JOSEPH HOWARD

Performing with the same zest he showed while reigning as world lightweight king, Beau Jack has been keeping in trim recently with several fine exhibition bouts in the Alabama Paratrooper Gym. The bouts have provided splendid views of the performance of the Bouncing Beau, who is expected to give in the Harmony Church Sports Arena on November 30 when he makes his first appearance on a post-sponsored card that can be witnessed by all personnel at the fort.

Opposed by T-Sgt. Bryant Bass, Southeastern champion (1938-41) in the finale of a recent eight bout card, the Beau was truly a "Bouncing Beau" and showed the overflow crowd of chums how he earned his crown and the reputation of being a horn scraper.

Boxing brilliantly, Bass displayed great skill and speed throughout the contest, but, repeatedly the former bootblack put his left at the right place at the right time to catch the sergeant on the button. Using the ropes and agility, Bass escaped some of the Beau's blows only to run into a storm of lefts and rights seconds later from an undeniable opponent.

BASS IN TROUBLE

With the exception of the second round, Bass was continually in trouble from jarring left hooks and right crosses. Staggered by jolting lefts in the initial stanza, Bass recovered with clever footwork and continued to make it a swell scrap up to the last second. At the termination of the fight the trooper audience gave out with a tremendous ovation that rocked the building. Beau weighed 137, with Bass four pounds lighter.

Beau Jack is now stationed, as is Sgt. Bass, in the Reception Center here at Fort Benning. Both of the ringmen are working out boxing stunts of their own and pitted their proteges against each other in the six preliminaries. Each team compiled a trio of wins, both winning one via the jury route.

JUMPERS IN SEMI

The semi-wind up brought together two promising young jumpers in the only bout of the evening that did not feature the colored pugilists of the Reception Center.

Clestone Zerkle, 154, Elkins, W. Va., and Lloyd McKel, 149, of Cleveland and McKeesport, Pa., put up a whole of a battle in a junior middleweight contest. Zerkle, service chris of Alaska in his weight, looked good throwing hard rights although his lighter adversary constantly made him miss with his clever footwork.

Starting fast and continuing the pace till the final bell, it was Zerkle's straight punches and jabbing, McKel's feinting and jabbing co-ordinated with his maneuverability combining to fill three thrill-laden rounds.

The West Virginian took a close decision when the Cleveland boxer slowed up in the final two minutes. Both battlers, departing for combat assignments soon should really make it tough for the Axis.

SIX PRELIMS

The half dozen preliminaries featuring the sluggers of the Reception Center were trained by the combined efforts of Beau Jack and Bass. The Champ's representatives were the Red Team,

while Bryant Bass's proteges came from the Blue Corner. The results were: First bout—lightweight J. E. Hickman, 135, Atlanta, dropped the verdict to Fred Harris, 135, (Red) Chicago, Ill. Second bout—Sammy Hill, 160, (Blue) Birmingham, Ala., edged out J. C. Jennings, 160, Milford, Tenn.

The third bout saw the first O. of the evening when Gene Fuller, 225-pounder, six-footer plus cloutier from Laverne, Ala., representing the Blues, caught Jimmy Christian, 190, Atlanta, with his guard down and floored him with a hefty right just before the gong. The Georgian was unable to answer the tilt for the second stanza.

The fourth scrap brought together Arthur Doyle, 160, (Red) Birmingham, Ala., and Joseph Newton, 160, Douglas Ga., in a fast, middleweight tangle. Doyle took an early lead and held throughout the tilt.

LIGHTWEIGHT SCRAP

The fifth battle pitted two promising lightweights as Ed Grinnell, 133, (Red) Nashville, Tenn., pushed hard to take a decision over 132 pounder from Montgomery, Ala., Charley Butler. The last preliminary earned a tie for Beau Jack's boys at three all, by virtue of a T.K.O. turned in by Robert Lee, (Red) 168, Nashville, Tenn., over "Gib" Brown in the second round. Brown weighed in at 163 and is from Live Oak, Fla.

RC Tigers Overpower Morehouse Foe 27-0

The Reception Center Tigers overpowered the stubborn Morehouse Maroon Tigers, 27-0, Thursday night at Ponce de Leon Park, to maintain their long undefeated record. The Maroon Tigers played a great defensive game but were unable to stop the servicemen's powerful offensive attack throughout the Atlanta encounter.

Morehouse won the toss and elected to kick-off, with the Army returning to the 20 yard marker. Two five yard penalties gave the Army a first down, and when Macon Williams, raced through the Morehouse secondary line, the Reception Center Tigers were penalized 15 yards for pushing.

ARMY SCORES

Nathaniel Smith and Macon Williams collaborated to set up the initial score of the game, after Riley's punt was returned to the Morehouse 35-yard line. James Hart and Leo Harrison started the drive and Williams moved the oval to the Morehouse 3-yard line. The Maroon forward wall "bottled up" Smith, but Harrison scored a few minutes later and a perfect placement gave Fort Benning a 7-0 lead.

Louis Crews made the second Army touchdown when he intercepted a Morehouse pass and crossed the double-stripe from the 29 yard line. James Williams dropped-kicked the extra point to give the Reception Center Tigers a 14-0 lead at the half.

"MISS WAR WORKER"

During the intermission between halves, Pvt. Ernest Jackson, an overseas veteran from the South Pacific, crowned Miss Louise Evans, as Miss War Worker of 1944. Attendants for "Miss War Worker" were Mesdames

Al Hostak, but training schedules called for a last minute substitution of "Buddy" Johnson, ex-pro formerly with "Chris" Dundee's stables, who delivered beautifully as the third man in the squared circle.

THIGPEN DIRECTS

Sgt. Jo Jo Thigpen, athletic director for the Second Parachute Training Regt., arranged and staked all fights with S-Sgt "Skeets" McCarty handling all the boxers. McCarty is from Los Angeles while Thigpen is a "Far Heel." Both are doing a wonderful job, arranging great ring cards for these combat-bound airborne soldiers and in addition are assisting with cards in other areas of the post.

In a card the preceding week, Mike Raffa, a leading featherweight contender and proven performer, took on Jimmy Maddox in a trio of leather-laden rounds. Maddox, a veteran of western ring wars couldn't quite match Raffa's speed and sharp blows and dropped the decision.

In the other half of the double feature, Johnny Rivolta, 140, Memphis, Tenn., and lightweight service king of Panama and Australia floored Vito Zavala, 144, Chicago, Ill., twelve times only to have the Chicagoan gamely come back time and time again. Rivolta is a little veteran having compiled a total of 118 fights, winning by far the greater portion.

An added attraction saw Ernie Robertson, 136, Seattle dropped a close one to Mike Hernandez, 132, Chicago, Ill.

Corrie Wilson and Addie Moore. Music was furnished by the Morehouse College band, directed by Prof. Willis James.

The two teams played even to the third period until Otis Smith on a beautiful cut-back made a long gain for the Maroon Tigers. Walker failed to gain and the Morehouse punt was short, stopping in midfield.

Michael Cheatham came in for the Army and thrilled the crowd with his sensational broken-field running. The strong Morehouse line stopped Fort Benning's scoring drive and Samuel Dupson carried the ball to midfield, on a cleverly executed triple-reverse.

SCORE AGAIN

The gallant Maroon Tigers opened another offensive drive with Edwin Smith hitting back with a collection of well-timed passes. Nathaniel Smith intercepted a Morehouse pass to stop this drive and scored from the 13-yard line. Alex Shepherd's placement was good and the score stood 21-0.

Macon Williams, the former Florida A. & M. College all-American, crashed over for the final score of the game to give the Reception Center a 27-0 victory. Fort Benning chalked up 10 first downs, against five for Morehouse and completed three passes.

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Halfback Rivals at Biloxi Sunday



BOBBY EPPS
... 3rd Infantry star from Wofford



BILLY McHUGH
... Keesler Field ace from Ga. Tech.

Cockades Battle Unbeaten Keesler Field Eleven At Biloxi On Sunday

BY CPL. JOHN T. CRONIN

The 3d Infantry Cockades, of The Infantry School, who have been playing Naval teams for the past two weeks, will travel over to Biloxi, Miss., to play the undefeated but twice defeated Keesler Field Commandos.

Earlier in the season, the Commandos played a 7-7 tie at Fort Benning with the 4th Infantry Commandos, with the exception of the 4th Infantry Commandos, rolled up some very impressive

scores, and hope to do the same at the expense of the Cockades. Several former professional stars, as well as former All-American choices, dot their lineup. Herman Rohrer, the former Nebraska and Green Bay Packers' great, is the "big noise" in the backfield. Rohrer was pretty well bottled up by the 4th Infantry Commandos' forward wall is con-

managed to score. Cliff Abernethy, a speedy halfback, is the man the Cockades will have to watch. It was Abernethy who scored against the Raiders. He made a spectacular 78-yard punt return and several other nice gains throughout the game. Moving over to the line, the Commandos' forward wall is con-

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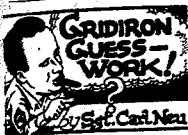
Cockade Eleven Wallows To 7-6 Win In Mud

Raiders Drop Heartbreaker To Jacksonville

Hillenbrand's 45-Yard Dash
With Punt Tops Miami Naval

BY CPL. JOHN T. CRONIN

The strong legs of Billy Hillenbrand and the educated toe of Clem Stevens combined to give the 3d Infantry Cockades of The Infantry School, a 7-6 win over the Miami Naval Raiders last Sunday at Doughboy Stadium. The game, played in a driving rain, was witnessed by about 300 fans.



GRIDIRON GUESS—WORK!
Sgt. Carl Neff

Our luck ran pretty well again for the second week in a row last week-end, although, as usual, we made some colossal blunders, such as picking Auburn, Mississippi State, Arkansas, Villanova and Colgate, all of whom received severe thumpings. But of 20 selections, we called 24 of them correct, so we can't complain. As a matter of fact, that moved the average up to a good 759, which isn't bad, sub, when you consider that we pick only the major games. So here goes on another merry-go-round, with plenty of tough nuts to crack. Our selections are marked in bold face type, as usual.

- 1st Infantry vs. Keesler Field—Crippld Cockades haven't got enough power to halt the Airmen, although Hilly will give 'em trouble.
 - Georgia Tech vs. Notre Dame—Yellow Jackets have pointed for this one, and their speed and deception should win.
 - Georgia vs. Clemson—Bulldogs all the way!
 - Missouri vs. Kansas—Tigers to howl!
 - Tulsa vs. Arkansas—Close scrap, but Golden Hurricane should win.
 - Miami vs. Auburn—Poor old Tigers have had tough luck, but should close season with triumph.
 - Brown vs. Colgate—This is a bruin year.
 - Columbia vs. Dartmouth—Flipped a coin. Big Green won.
 - Great Lakes vs. Fort Warren—Bluejackets warming up for Irish.
 - Iowa vs. Iowa Preflight—Servicemen too strong.
 - Kentucky vs. Tennessee—Vols continue unbeaten.
 - Nebraska vs. Kansas State—Cornhuskers finally win one.
 - North Carolina vs. Duke—Blue Devils win fourth straight.
 - Northwestern vs. Illinois—Illini speed will win.
 - Ohio State vs. Michigan—Game of the day. Like Wolverines.
 - Oklahoma A. and M. vs. Oklahoma—We like the Aggies.
 - Penn vs. Cornell—Quakers to top old rivals.
 - Pitt vs. Penn State—Nittany Lions close with victory.
 - Purdue vs. Indiana—Hard to pick Favor Hoosiers.
 - Rice vs. Texas Christian—Stringing along with Horned Frogs.
 - Southern Cal vs. UCLA—Trojans in hot battle.
 - Texas Tech vs. Southern Methodist—Razor the Mustangs.
 - Wake Forest vs. South Carolina—Deacons on rebound.
 - Wisconsin vs. Minnesota—Go phers wind up right.
 - Yale vs. Virginia—Elis might stumble here, but doubt it.
- The "Haves and Have Nots" are not the real trouble. It's the "Give Nots."
- Practice the Golden Rule. You'll find it works. Then preach it.



JOHN HOGAN, veteran grid referee who officiated every big game in two years at Doughboy Stadium while serving here with the Red Cross, has been transferred to Camp Gordon in Augusta. His absence will be felt severely since the bantam whistle-blower, who also was a court reporter, was one of the best sports officials in post history. (Photo by Vandey Forester—Columbus Ledger.)

ing to turn the Cockades right end, Vaccara passed to Biringer for 23 yards and a first down on the Cockades' 32. On the next play, Vaccara passed to Kural for 11 yards and another first down. Biringer then passed to Vaccara for 11 yards and a first down. Biringer then passed to Vaccara for 11 yards and a first down.

SECOND PERIOD
After one play, Biringer kicked from his own 10 and the Miami Naval Raiders took the ball on the 25. Biringer reversed his field and never stopped running until he crossed the goal line. Stevens then came in and converted.

Biringer came back 18 yards with the kickoff to his own 28, and two plays later kicked to Cantarella, who took the ball on his own 23 and carried back two yards.

The Cockades' reserves took over at this point. They failed to gain and Epps kicked out of bounds on the Cockades' 49. Biringer put the Cockades deep in the hole with a punt which fell outside on the 1. Epps punted from behind the goal and Miami took over on the Cockades' 23. The Cockades stiffened and took the ball away. The rest of the period was a kicking duel.

THIRD PERIOD
Yagiello carried the kickoff back 12 yards to his 32, and the Tars resumed their kicking game. Hillenbrand reeled off a first down on the Miami 45, but again the Cockades failed to gain and were forced to punt. Hillenbrand chased them back to their 15. Nation roared through the Cockades line for 18 yards and a first down on the 33 and two plays later went for 12 yards and another first down on the 45.

FOURTH PERIOD
After Nation lost six yards try-

4th Infantry Bows To Fliers In Spectacular Fray, 26-19

BY PVT. TOM JUDGE

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—In a spectacular football game featuring long runs by halfbacks Johnny Donaldson and Gus Letchus of the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, and the passing of Tom Mont of the 4th Infantry, the Fliers defeated the 4th Infantry Raiders, of The Infantry School, here Saturday, 26-19.

The Fliers gained 330 yards by rushing, and 27 in the air, and counted 17 first downs. The Raiders made 121 yards rushing and 123 passing, and 15 first downs. Mont completed five out of six passes for 81 yards.

Before the game was four minutes old, Johnny Donaldson, sensational high school player from Jessup, Ga., scored for the Fliers on an end-run from the 17-yard line. George Faust, former Minnesota fullback, place-kicked the extra point.

CENCI GOES OVER
Retaliating, Cenci, 230-pound fullback, started the Raiders off with a kick-off return to the Army's 40-yard line. From that point, the Raiders drove for a score. A pass, Mont to Ratcliffe, was good for 14 yards, and runs by Weber, M. Cenci, and Cutchin carried to the 1-yard line, where Cenci bucked across. Mont's try for the extra point was wide.

Mont kicked off and the Fliers, taking over on their own 15-yard line, started on an 85-yard touchdown march. Letchus broke loose for 45 yards and Donaldson scored the Fliers' second touchdown from the 11. Faust's kick was good for 14 yards, and runs by Weber, M. Cenci, and Cutchin carried to the 1-yard line, where Cenci bucked across. Mont's try for the extra point was wide.

For the fourth successive time in the ball game, and the second, the Raiders took the kick-off and marched down the field for a touchdown. A pass, Cutchin to Estenik, was good for 21 yards to the 4-yard line. In two plays, McPhee plunged over. Mont tied the score by converting.

The Raiders threatened again before the half ended. Cutchin's passes to Estenik and Anderson moved the ball to the 15-yard line, where it was fourth down and two yards to go. McPhee's plunge was ruled an inch short of a first down when the referee stood the ball on end in measuring, and the Fliers took possession.

Early in the second half, the Raiders had the Navy in the lead following a coffin corner kick by Mont which rolled out of bounds inside the one-foot line. Refusing to punt, Leckony generalized the Raiders drove to the 10-yard line but lost the ball on downs.

From the 11-yard line, in the third quarter, the Fliers launched the longest drive of the game. Donaldson broke loose for a 39-yard gallop to the midfield stripe. Two more shorter dashes by Donaldson brought the ball to the Raider nine. Faust scored in two plunges, and then kicked the extra point.

77-yard punt-runback by Letchus to the Raider 43-yard line set the stage for the Fliers' final touchdown. Al Granchelli and Bill McCloskey powered to the Raider 27. Mel Kittrell, former Baylor halfback, pulled a surprise when he began what looked to be a running play, but instead dropped back and shot a pass to left end Tom Bishop for a touchdown. The try-for-point was smothered.

The Army's final score was set up two plays after the kick-off when Mont heaved a 45-yard pass to Anderson on the seven-yard line. McPhee drove across in three plunges. Mont's kick was wide.

Attempting an on-side kick on the kick-off, the Raiders failed to regain possession of the ball for the closing minutes. The game ended with the Navy in possession on their own 38-yard line.

The Fliers were sparked throughout by the great running of Donaldson and Letchus, and the field generalship and ball handling of Bill Leckony, brainy quarterback. Outstanding in the Navy line were Tom Bishop, who scored the last Navy touchdown, and Bill Kirkpatrick, guard.

Though the Raider line was more powerful, the Fliers, using the deceptive T-formation, time and again sprung their backs through gaping holes. On straight power the Raiders were easily masters. Kemp, Goosey, Orsini, Johnson, Webb and Pawlowski of the Raider line were in on every play.

Cecil Kemp, outstanding defensive lineman for the Raiders, suffered a fracture of the knee. Cutchin, Raider left halfback, played a brilliant defensive game and punted well. One of his two kicks sailed 65 yards through the air and went out of bounds on the Navy 20-yard line—64 yards from scrimmage. Tom Mont, former Maryland ace, was outstanding in the Raider aerial offense. Aldo Cenci and Dick McPhee, plunging duo, again were powerful through the line.

WHAT A GAME!
4th In-Jack- Jacksonville Naval Air Station, 26-19

Total first downs 17-15
First downs by passing 7-12
First downs by rushing 10-3
First downs by penalties 0-0
Total yards from scrimmage 330-121
Total yards gained by rushing 121-123
Yards gained by passing 0-0
Number of passes attempted 11-8
Passes completed 5-2
Passes intercepted 0-1
Times punted 0-0
Average distance of punts 25-13
Total return yards 0-0

4th Infantry Fliers
C. Johnson, L. Walker
Kemp, C. Kittrell
Webb, C. Kirkpatrick
Pawlowski, C. Letchus
Bishop, M. Cenci
Cutchin, B. McCloskey
Mont, A. Granchelli
McPhee, D. Faust
Anderson, G. Letchus

Hillenbrand Is Scoring Leader

Scoring 43 points in seven games, Billy Hillenbrand, sensational, triple-threat halfback of the 3d Infantry Cockades, of the Infantry School, has a 13-point lead over Dick McPhee, star fullback of the 4th Infantry Raiders, in the race for individual scoring honors.

Four other players, Lou Saban, Chuck Jacoby and Johnny Borka, all of the Cockades, and Al Cenci, of the Raiders, are tied for third with 12 points each.

The Cockades have outscored the Raiders 112 points to 74.

Individual scores:

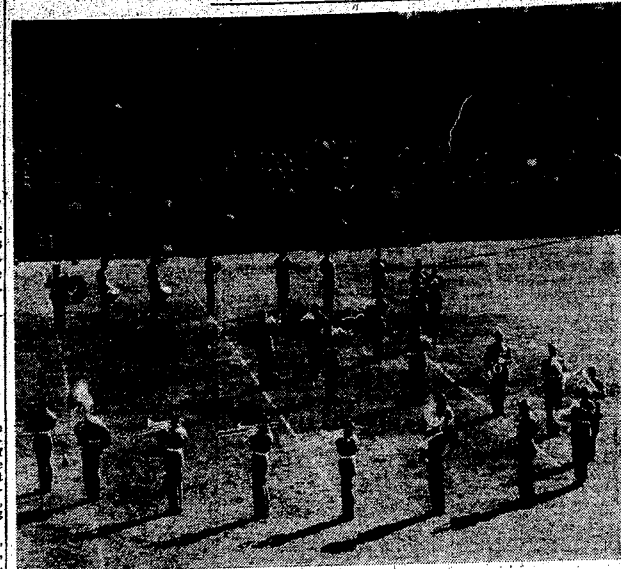
Player	Points
Hillenbrand, 3d Infantry	43
McPhee, 4th Infantry	30
Saban, 3d Infantry	12
Jacoby, 3d Infantry	12
Borka, 3d Infantry	12
Cenci, 4th Infantry	12
Taylor, 3d Infantry	0
Shaulinger, 3d Infantry	0
Mann, 3d Infantry	0
Cantarella, 3d Infantry	0
Koch, 4th Infantry	0
Estenik, 4th Infantry	0
Decker, 4th Infantry	0
Anderson, 4th Infantry	0
Cutchin, 4th Infantry	0
Stevens, 3d Infantry	0
Mont, 4th Infantry	0

Rockets Meet Columbia Foe

The Infantry School Rockets are over at Columbia, Miss., today, where they will meet the Columbia Army Air Base team in a return game. In the first game, the Rockets had little trouble winning, 29 to 0.

The regular Rockets' lineup of Hendy and Miller, ends Withers and Lewis, tackles; Birch and Wakefield, guards; Perry, center; Hoffman, quarterback; Head and Sams, halfbacks, and Goodman, fullback, will start.

Eat foods from each of the "Basic Seven" food groups each day to provide the body with the essentials for healthy living, the Extension Service says.



MUSIC AND MASCOTS are always rampant at the GI grid classics in Doughboy Stadium. Shown above are two shots at the recent 3d Infantry-Jacksonville affray. Saluting the Cockades by forming a large figure '3' in the center of the field is the famed 221st AGF Band, which performs during the intermission of all games. The band is directed by Warrant Officer Paul Callaway, while the halftime formations are planned and executed by Sgt. Raymond A. Cross. Local fans believe the 221st Band to be the finest football band in the nation. Below the band is shown 'Sam', the Army mule who is Cockade mascot at all home games. He is being paraded by two of the 3d Infantry's nattily-attired cheerleaders who also lend a college atmosphere by whooping it up for the home team. (Signal Lab Photos by Corp. Tony Carrington.)

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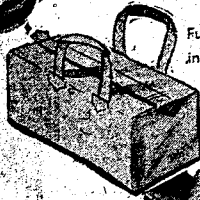
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MPs' Duties Are More Varied Than Police Dept.s'

More varied than the duties of any city police department are tasks of the seven departments of the Provost Marshal's Office on Wold Avenue, according to Major M. T. Jemison, Fort Benning's provost marshal.

And Major Jemison agrees with his men that he has one of the best organized and most efficient Military Police departments in any Army camp in the United States.

To begin with, the setup is geared for a population of considerable size, with GI variations that are necessary because it is part of the Army.

The Army variation is seen in the issuing of licenses to cars, bicycles, cameras and hunters, which is a normal state function; and the fire fighting in the woods and the undeveloped parts of the reservation, which is generally a fire department job; and serving as auxiliary firemen on the Post.

ORGANIZATION

The MPs themselves are under the immediate direction of the detachment commander, Capt. M. E. Bullock. This includes the Main Post and Harmony Church, and the two stations in Columbus, white and colored, and the station at Phenix City. However, the man in immediate charge of the three off-post stations is Capt. C. B. Shaw.

"One of the things that adds to the work of our Security Branch, of the Security and Intelligence Division of Post Headquarters," states the Marshal, "is the variation of the policing we have to do. This Post has a large list of different activities, greater than any other post in the United States as far as I know. We have The Infantry School, of the nation and the largest Parachute School, mix-

ed in with all the odd things that make combat teams in action, such as the Lawson Field set-up; Negro Reception Center; radio school; motor school; and three Officer Candidate regiments. This on our reservation of 218,000 acres. Then we have twelve counties in Georgia and Alabama for contact of our military personnel, and 16 other counties in these states for apprehension, off reservation. You see why I am proud of the job our outfit is doing."

STATE TOPS

The Investigation Bureau, headed by Capt. W. J. Lynch, has a set-up that leaves nothing undone in this end of the effort to ferret out crime and place the blame where it belongs. The staff working with the captain is "tops," he says, and the equipment all that it should be for the work.

The Identification and Fingerprinting Bureau, headed by W. O. Spragins, keeps a full side of the police work up to date. The Photographic Section, under Sgt. William Bode, has a fine array of equipment both in the laboratory and in the field, and in machines to take pictures. While a lot of the sergeant's staff, he knows his "pictures," the boys claim.

Master Sergeant Thomas Tweed is Chief of the Range Guard, and it is on him and his crew that the safety of much of the forests rests. Whereas the fire hazard is not as great in Georgia as in drier forest countries, still the fire hazard in the woods makes firefighting here something dangerous to do, and puts much more responsibility on the chief and his assistants.

The Registration Bureau, under Sgt. Edward Aiello, is now issuing camera permits both to individuals and to organizations for the taking of pictures within certain limitations stated on the permits.

TRAFFIC BUREAU

The Traffic Bureau, headed by 1st Lt. ReGeo Ryan and his staff, are charged with the supervision and control of traffic on the reservation. The motorcycle M. P. deserve much credit for their efficiency in controlling the enormous amount of traffic entering and leaving the Post daily. The posting and upkeep of all road markers, directional signs, etc. is also under the supervision of the traffic department.

ONE REASON WHY WE'RE WINNING WAR

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ALNS)—Since the war, there have been manufactured in the United States more than 240,000 airplanes and 70,000 tanks, announces J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production Board. He stated that 25,000 of the planes were four-engine bombers.

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ORIENTATION CENTER in Service Club No. 1, one of six such centers maintained on the Post, is serving as an important medium in keeping main post GIs informed on current events of World War II. It is maintained by the Post Information and Education Branch. Equipped with large maps of the battlefronts, the GI follows easily the forward movements of the Allies as mobile battle-line markers are changed daily to keep the maps up to date. News captions are also changed each day. Exhibits are provided stressing the six orientation themes: Why We Fight; Meaning of the News; Know the Enemy; Know and Have Pride in Your Outfit; Have Faith in the U. S. and Its Future; Know Our Allies. A display of USAFI text books, catalogs, and application forms is also maintained in the center. Other centers are maintained by I and E and the various commands in the Special Training Unit in the Reception Center area, Sand Hill, Harmony Church and Alabama areas, and the Reconditioning Program Center at the Station hospital. Orientation rooms are maintained in the various individual units stationed here, and each unit conducts a one hour orientation program weekly. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Modern Post Library Caters To GI's Every Literary Taste

Do Benning soldiers read? You just bet they do!

The post library with 8,000 volumes on its shelves, 800 of which were added in October, charged out approximately 6,000 books to soldiers and their families last month, Miss Frances Chandler, librarian, reports.

The soldiers are attracted to the library, not only by the variety of topics selected to please every literary taste, but also by the comfortable home-like setting in which they can read or browse.

Last May the library left its comparatively tiny nook in Service Club No. 1 to occupy its own building, conveniently located between the Main Theater and the Howard Bus station. Built of hollow red brick, the new edifice is a T-shaped structure with two large reading rooms, an outdoor reading terrace, and a separate room containing a glass room, work room, and office space. The interior of the building was designed to be as homelike as possible with comfortable chairs and sofas, table lamps, and draperies.

60 MAGAZINES

The library is open from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. every day in the year and its services are available for all military and civilian personnel of the Post. Library patrons have access to more than a dozen newspapers, 60 magazines, in addition to the book collection. Books may be borrowed for a period of two weeks—with the exception of the newer books which circulate for seven days.

The library's best sellers include the newest novels, books on philosophy and psychology, books on technical subjects, and art books. Soldier patrons fill the library the 12 hours a day it is open. The busy assistant at the desk finds herself acting as an information bureau. How far is it from Columbus to Chicago? When is the next bus to Harmony Church? Do you have any sample Army tests?

Soldiers leave packages at the desk to be picked up later. They leave letters and packages to be mailed and messages for their friends. They ask for help in writing letters and they show the desk assistant pictures of sisters,

mothers, and best girls to be admired. They want to know about Army correspondence courses and which courses they should take.

REGULAR RECORD CONCERT

On interesting library activity is the record concerts which have been a regular Tuesday evening feature for the past three months. The main reading room of the library is used for these recorded concerts of symphonic music. Soldier listeners pack the library during these concerts. The library's combination radio phonograph is also used on Sunday afternoons for the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra.

2d Army CO Knows His Men

Every military organization, regardless of size, reflects the attitude of the Commanding Officer. If the CO has an air of pride, a jaunty stride, a mien that glows with 27 years of professional soldiering, then the units receiving their tactical training under that head will be keyed to overcome any obstacle.

That scene is the lot of all Special Troops, Second Army units stationed at Fort Benning; that Commanding Officer is Colonel Ernest E. Tabscott, World War I veteran and military head of 4th Headquarters, the pilot light of all Special Troops stationed on this Post.

Colonel Tabscott is not just satisfied to confine himself within the walls of his office. He has to know what the men talk about, what they think, what they are doing in Special Service activities. He knows the necessity of morale within his troops, just as he is cognizant that as they think so shall their effort be reflected in their combat training.

ATTENDS SCHOOLS
Although attending schools such as Infantry, Signal, and Command and General Staff military institutions is a must for every commanding officer (and Colonel Tabscott has attended them) to put into practice "what they preach" comes only from the field.

In 1920 Colonel Tabscott saw service in the Philippines; three years later a transfer to the Hawaiian command, and more recently, desert maneuvers with the 91st Division. The men, knowing that their Commanding Officer has sound military experience, can not but mould themselves into better soldiers and thereby carry forth their obligations in a combat zone with the utmost confidence that "they know their job."

Colonel Tabscott's army career began during World War I as a lieutenant in the 45th Infantry, Ninth Division. Only the signing of the Armistice in 1918 kept him from his desired combat theater.

BOYS DO WELL
Now, after being the guiding officer of 4th Headquarters, Special Troops, since April, 1944, he has seen this command grow; units come and go, and reports come back to him from every port on the globe of the boys are doing a swell job. "This is the word that serves to a commanding officer what the applause of a capacity audience does to the actor across the footlight. And with the pride of outfit heavy in his demeanor, 4th Headquarters proceeds smoothly, efficiently, knowing, in their small way, they are doing all within their power to bring the day of peace a bit closer to all.

Wonder Who Got It
Somewhere in the Central Pacific (Delayed)—Last Christmas a Marine service in this war theater received word that he had been given a six-month's subscription to a popular national magazine.

He waited in vain for copies to appear. Finally, a letter came from the publisher. The Marine thought he was about to read an explanation why the subscription had been held up.

Instead, he read: "Your subscription to has expired. We hope you enjoyed reading the magazine and trust you will want to take advantage of our unique renewal rate...."

17,000 Auto Permits Issued So Far In 1944

This far in 1944 a total of 17,000 passenger car permits have been issued to drivers of privately-owned vehicles to pass into the post by way of Outpost No. 1, Major M. T. Jemison, post provost marshal, reported this week.

This figure does not include thousands of visitors' passes issued annually, nor does it take into consideration the great number of Army vehicles which pass the outpost daily, carrying from four to 25 passengers each. With the appointment of a gas mileage administrator and deputy administrators for the various post installations, military police at unspecified intervals check the number of passengers being transported to and from work on the post to see to it that car owners are abiding by OPA regulations regarding the issuance of "B" and "C" gasoline rationing coupons.

FEW EXCEPTIONS

Only personnel whose duties require the keeping of irregular hours are issued supplementary gas coupons without a form certificate signed by enough passengers to warrant extra gasoline. A private sedan or coach must carry at least three passengers in addition to the driver and a coupe must carry two plus the driver. Small private trucks frequently transport as many as 15 people daily, bringing the per capita load up to an average of better than four persons per vehicle, it was pointed out.

THOSE TRAFFIC JAMS!

There are some people still at Fort Benning who can remember the so-called early morning "Benning" traffic jams. That was before the new superhighway was completed in 1943, and what a headache it was, both for the MP and the passengers; the single saved traffic lane into the post was cluttered with traffic creeping to work and to get to work on time meant getting out early before the flow of cars started out. It usually was either that and getting to work half a hour before starting time or arriving late.

With the opening of the new highway, jams are few and far between, and the MPs have worked out a system of checking cars to such a degree of perfection that a trip from town to the post consumes just about 20 or 25 minutes at a 35 mile per hour rate of speed.

Formered, Not Classified
A jittery woman, whose husband was about to be reclassified for induction into the Army, fainted when her young son came home from kindergarten and announced "Mamma, I was just put into 1A."

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"During the National War Fund drive conducted from October 10 to November 12, personnel of The Infantry School contributed \$20,658.01. This generous contribution far exceeds the collection received for the same cause last year, although the strength of the command is approximately the same.

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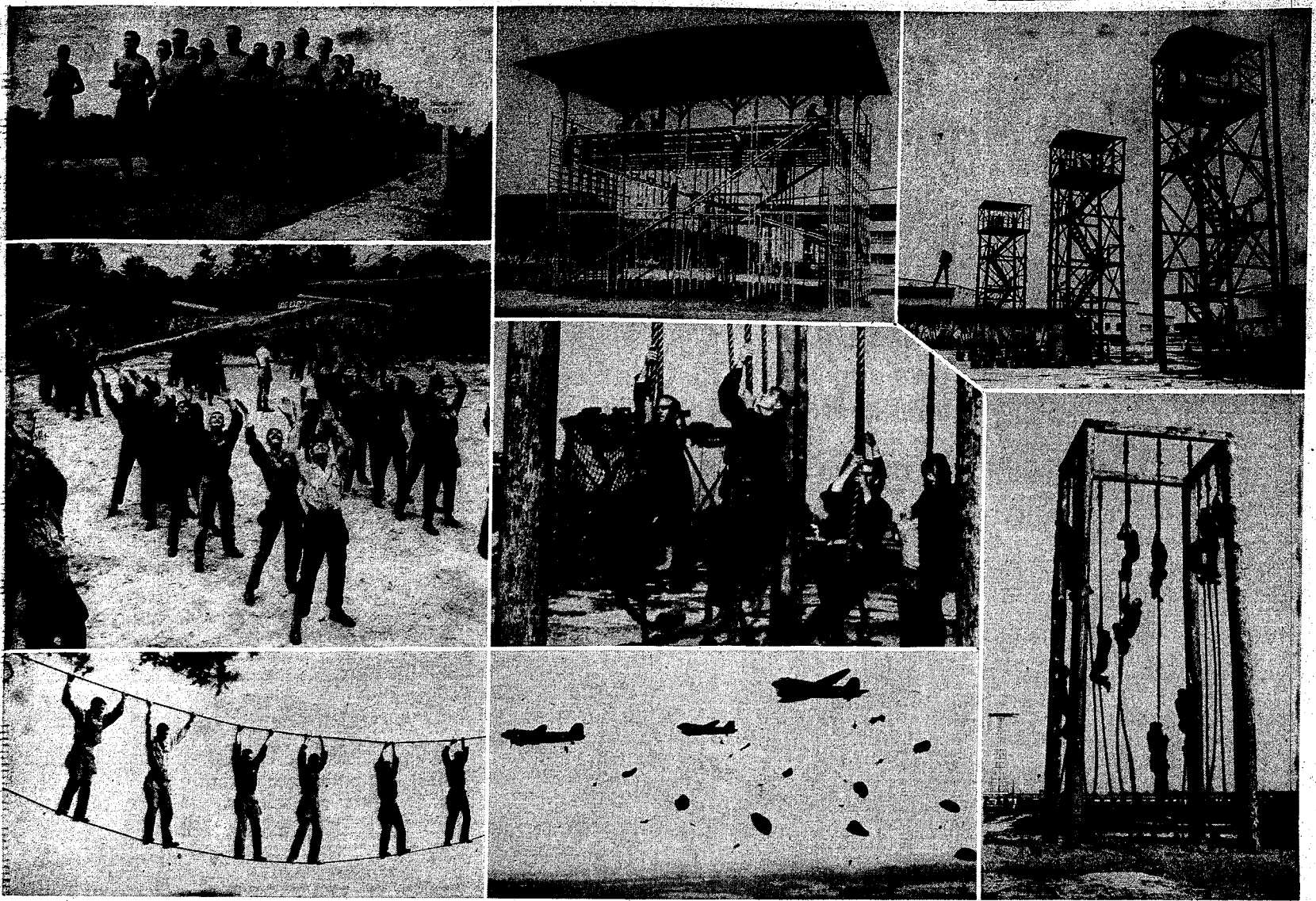
Here Are Some Notes For That Volume, World War II

Who hacked their way through those "impassable" jungles on Buna? Who crawled through those modern conveniences on Attu—including cold running water and hot flying lead? Who faced German 88's at 200 yards at Salerno—and held? Who shot it out with crack Nazi troops so close they could touch them at the skirmish of the stonewalls on Hill 609—and cracked open the road to Bizerte? INFANTRY. Doughboys. The guys who spell it with rifles. With these facts indelibly imprinted in our minds, we are proud to pay tribute to FORT BENNING on her 26th anniversary. Here, the world's best infantry is trained.

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TO MANY CIVILIANS AND MANY SOLDIERS TOO
The silver wings and jump boots worn by the U. S. Army paratrooper connotes action shown above in lower center as troopers bail out of their C-47 transport. But that is only the middle phase of the paratrooper's activities. Before he can jump, he must go through many hours of arduous training designed to train his mind for mental alertness and his muscles for complete coordination, presence or absence of which may spell either success or disaster. In the above picture story THE

BAYONET hopes to convey some idea of the rough and tough training given troopers here at Fort Benning which prepares them for the actual jumping stage, the middle phase, and for combat, the final stage, at which point he becomes an infantryman. Upper left—Here is shown the initial training given our paratroopers: full speed ahead at double time for 50 consecutive minutes. This type of road work builds leg muscles among other things and improves the wind. Upper center—It's more fun than monkeys, is this trapezium exercise bar in "C"

Stage. Its purpose is obvious: building and strengthening of body muscles. Upper right—35-foot mock jump towers give the uninitiated their "first sensation of height" as they leap out. Middle left—As if all of their other training weren't enough, troopers learn "to bark up the right tree" by means of a coordinating exercise in which they toss the log off one shoulder into the air and then catch it on the other shoulder. How'dya like to try it? Middle center—Here students in "A" Stage are serving the double purpose of building muscle and learning to judge

height by means of rope climbing exercises. Middle right—A full view of the rope tower. Lower left—A sense of height and balance is learned by means of hand-over-hand rope walking in "A" Stage. Lower center—All of the foregoing pictures illustrate in part the training the trooper gets before he is ready to pose for a pic of this type: the series of five jumps which qualifies him as a paratrooper entitled to wear the coveted wings. (Photos by Parachute School Photographic Section; The 168th Signal Photo Co.; and U. S. Army Signal Corps.)

Post-trained Troopers Make Military History

They Have Spear-Headed Attacks On All Battlefronts

By PVT. DAVID EWEN

Soldiers of the sky, who have been thoroughly trained at The Parachute School at Fort Benning, Georgia, have made military history in our campaigns abroad.

They have spearheaded invasion forces, landed behind the lines, disrupted enemy positions, and captured airfields. They have penetrated into the very heart of enemy territory to gather vital data. They have landed on the enemy, a mighty fighting force, equipped with rapid fire weapons and abetted by the greatest advantage an army can have—surprise. They have landed in places formerly considered impenetrable—on mountain peaks and in deep abysses. They have always proved tough, swift, deadly. They are the winged soldiers of our infantry—decisive factors in setting the Allied avalanche of victory into motion.

Perhaps no military development in this war has proved so revolutionary as the use of paratroopers. Positions formerly considered impregnable are now militarily accessible. Geography and man-made fortifications no longer offer the enemy permanent protection. Paratroopers can reach any area swiftly, striking hard and decisively at a surprise and bewildered enemy.

CRUET NOT NEW

Though it took the present global war to give birth to this new army of the air, the parachute is no recent discovery. It was well known that as far back as the 18th century, that fabulous genius, Leonardo da Vinci, (who was the first to dream of the day when men could fly) made sketches of a workable parachute. It was tent-shaped and the sketch was accompanied by specific explanations of how it could operate.

It was in another country and in a later century—in France during the late 1700's—that the parachute was first used. In 1783, the Montgolfier brothers attached a balloon, the first vehicle to carry man through the air. It was in connection with the balloon that the parachute was first used. In 1785, J. P. Blanchard attached a parachute to a dog which he dropped from a balloon. The dog landed safely. It took more than a decade for a man to venture a jump. On October 22, 1797, André-Jacques Garnerin, a Frenchman, carried to safety by his parachute. The Garnerin's name is preserved in aerial history as the

first man to make a parachute jump.

At first, the parachute had three different functions: It was found serviceable as a means of escape from burning towers. It was carried by balloonists in the event of sudden accident. But, its principal role for many years was made functional but entertainment. It was used to excite and thrill an adventure-loving public. The parachute was a staple of most county fairs and carnivals where the day would be incomplete without the feat of a man jumping out of a suspended balloon. Frequently, these paratroopers would further thrill their public by doing trapeze stunts while coming down the chute. One of the most famous of these professional chutists was Garnerin himself.

YANK 1ST JUMPER

It was not until the birth and development of the airplane that the parachute outgrew its status as a circus attraction. It is not clear who was the first to jump from a plane by parachute, but the honor is generally accredited to an American, Captain Albert Perry. The year was 1912. He jumped 2,500 feet over an Army air base in St. Louis, and to give dramatic point to his feat—delivered a message to the commanding officer of the post.

During the first World War, the parachute was used exclusively as a safety device for pilots of airplanes, balloons and dirigibles. No one yet had had the daring or vision to see it as the wings of a new kind of army. But, after the war, came the prodigious development of the airplane, and with it the perfection of the modern parachute. The development of the parachute was dramatized at McCook Field on October 20, 1922. Lt. Harold R. Harris was sent up to test a Leaning Monoplane. The plane went into a nose-dive and when he lost control, Harris, who had never before used a parachute, bailed out. Desperately he pulled the rip cord, but the chute would not open. Again he pulled, again without success. Suddenly he saw the ground rush toward him—he remembered that he was pulling the wrong cord. He reached for the right one and pulled. The chute opened when Lt. Harris was no more than 500 feet from the ground. Yet, it carried Harris safely to the ground. This was the first emergency jump from a heavier-than-air machine—and, under the most difficult conditions, it proved its importance. There could no longer be any question of the parachute's efficacy, or the permanent place it had now won in aviation.

1ST TRIAL JUMP

Gradually the realization came to far-sighted military men of its potential power. Why now an army of the air, jumper into enemy territory? In October, 1929, General William Mitchell, 1929, gave an unappreciated prophet of modern airpower—first conceived the idea of paratroops. From Martin bomber over Kelly Field, Texas, he had six American paratroopers drop to the ground; within three minutes, the men had reassembled, set up their guns, and were ready for action. Unfortunately, other military men dismissed this as a stunt and shelved it. But the germ of an idea was born, and it would not die.

It refused to die in the Soviet Union where paratroopers were becoming a national sport for young and old. In August, 1930, paratroopers were used at the army maneuvers at Voronezh, with such impressive results that the feat was repeated in Moscow one month later. By 1935, Russia had a sizable parachute army. At one maneuver, near Moscow, 6,200

men were dropped from the skies with full fighting equipment. Russia knew that the airborne army was a powerful fighting weapon in the war of the future, and it henceforth exerted Herculean effort in developing men for this branch of the service.

NAZIS INTERESTED

Another country also watched this development with keen interest. In Germany, the Nazis were secretly planning the conquest of the world through the creation of the greatest war machine in history. The value of paratroops in a war of movement, such as the Nazis were planning, seemed obvious to be dismissed. In 1933, Goering organized the first parachute battalion in Nazi Germany. The cream of the youth was drawn in long and hard, and they were finally developed into one of the most powerful fighting forces in the world.

In 1939, the Nazi legions began their march to world conquest. The smoldering embers of war erupted into a mighty flame which sent almost all of Europe into conflagration. One by one, new techniques came to stifle and terror the world. One by one, these new techniques proved to be instruments of military triumph. Everything that came in its path.

With the outbreak of hostilities between the Soviet Union and Poland in 1939, Russian paratroopers, clad in white, were dropped behind Finnish lines. This was the first test met by a parachute army, and it was met successfully. But the Nazis were to make an even more eloquent use of an air army. The 1940 "Blitz" which laid low Belgium, Holland, and France was preceded by invasion from the skies. Nazi paratroopers captured airports, broke communications lines, organized powerful fifth-column units, terrified citizens. In England—born by fear of an imminent invasion by the Nazis—the people began to study the skies anxiously, in towns and villages the hunt began for possible enemy paratroopers. Once again, in May, 1941, paratroopers proved their value—this time with the Nazi occupation of Crete by air.

Nor were the Nazis alone in their use of airborne troops. Japan attacked Java early in 1942 with a large airborne army which came and conquered. In May, 1942, England successfully occupied the island of Madagascar with similar troops.

No longer was there need to plead the cause for sky troops. Modern warfare had proved, emphatically and unmistakably, that this was one of the revolutionary tactics of modern warfare. The war had not grown very old before America, too, began to take heed of the new development. In May, 1940, the first experimental platoon was organized at Fort Benning, consisting of two officers and 48 enlisted men. Several months of intensive training followed, and the platoon proved its worth. On October 3, 1940, an official order created the first United States Army Parachute Battalion. From that moment on, began an intensive program of training paratroopers at The Parachute School at Fort Benning, and with it a new Army came into being.

TROOPERS POUR FORTH

From then on, the gigantic operations of the United Nations which, at first, turned the tide of the war to our side, and then swept that tide across the face of the earth, to submerge our enemy on all fronts, was highlighted by the simple and brilliant use of parachute troops. North Africa, Sicily, Italy, D-Day in France, Southern France, and the Battle of Germany—each of these different invasions and campaigns, was prefaced by operations of troops which had been sent into the heart of the enemy territory from the skies.

Meanwhile, another kind of army was rising throughout Europe's growing armies of resistance. Enslaved Europe was rising out of its chains, chains loosened and broken by the United Nations' troops from the sky.

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Troopers Write Brilliant Chapter In War History

By SGT. E. R. BERNBERG

Schooled at Fort Benning's Parachute School, the most unique military training ground in the world, U. S. Army paratroopers have taken part in almost every large offensive action of this war, terrifying Jap and German alike with the suddenness of their action. Across the blazoned pages of this war's history are written the names of the men who have trained at The Parachute School to fight a new type of war, a war which comes down from out of the sky to hurl its fury at the heart of the enemy.

Behind the successful invasions by amphibious and land forces, the stories of stealth and heroism, of boldness and intrepidity, of nerve and courage, which paratroopers mastered, that they might infiltrate the enemy's lines and thus make Allied frontal assaults more successful.

In the space of only two and a half years since The Parachute School was established, American paratroopers have been trained in this new type of warfare and have carried the war to the enemy wherever and whenever he could be found. From The Parachute School have come the men who first carried the war to the enemy in Africa, Sicily, Italy, Normandy, and the Pacific at Noemfor Island and Lae.

SURPRISE ELEMENT

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with each new action to a point where the enemy today stands poised with fear, awaiting mammoth air invasions of his homeland. At first, their actions were relatively unimportant and inconspicuous. Today, an offensive which is to be successful on a grandiose scale must contain carefully planned and meticulously timed and executed parachute tactics. Troopers must inevitably spearhead the attack, striking the enemy where he is most likely to be caught off-guard and destroying his communications and supplies thus enabling the overall offensive to be efficiently and speedily executed.

The first invasion in which troops from The Parachute School were used gave the Allies their springboard to Italy—during the African invasion, troops landed with the invading troops, and were first reported in action against the enemy on November 16, 1942, when they were reported to be entering Tunisia. This was the first offensive of the war in which paratroopers from Benning took part.

LAND AT LAE

In the operations across the Mediterranean, in 1943, Benning trained troops were given the most important mission, that of breaching operations with British troops for the invasion of Sicily. In the now-historic invasion, masses of troops landed on the night of July 9, 1943, at Gela in the mountainous southern regions of Sicily, and fought their way across the island to Palermo and Trapani.

General MacArthur made use of troops for the first time in the Pacific ten days before the invasion of July 6, 1943. On September 5, 1943, the day after amphibious Australian troops had landed at Huon Gulf, scene of heart-breaking long days of jungle fighting to rid the Lae-Salamaua sector of Nips, American Paratroopers landed in the Markham river valley, captured an airfield, cut supply lines of the retreating Japs and thus bottled up the enemy in a sudden move, shortening

the length of time for the eventual conquest of that sector.

The first troops to set foot on Mussolini's Italy were troopers who had received their training at Benning. On the 15th of September, 1943, ten days after some of their parachute school classmates had first entered combat on the other side of the world, some of the same troopers who had so successfully taken part in the conquest of Sicily dropped from the skies at Salerno, south of Naples, established landing points from amphibious troops, and later fought their way foot by foot up the waistland toward Rome.

Still other parachute troops reinforced the infantry and amphibious troops who made so determined a stand at Anzio. Landing by barge at the famous beachhead, men who had been trained to jump into combat at The Parachute School became just plain infantrymen and displayed a courage and toughness which singled them out for praise.

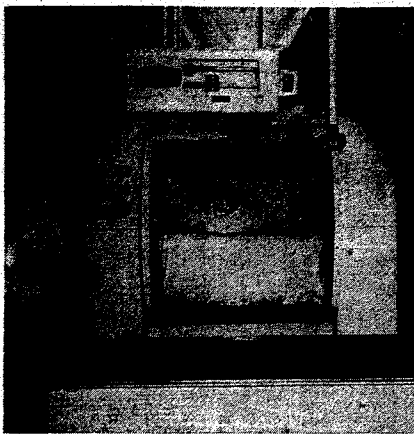
Once more, as the war progressed in the Pacific, paratroopers played an important part in the offensive. This time, they landed just off the coast of Dutch New Guinea, on Noemfor Island, July 3, 1944. Again they were used in a clever tactical move which saw the capture of the main airfield, Kairiri, within two hours of the invasion, and placed American troops 100 miles nearer the Philippines than the nearest outpost at the time, Black Island.

D-DAY ACTION

On D-day, June 6, 1944, the skies over France were clouded with parachutes, as men trained at The Parachute School again became the first troops to enter the offensive. Following months of well-planned training and rehearsal, accurate, even to the detail of the terrain in which they would land, the chutists spearheaded the invasion of the Cherbourg Peninsula, clearing the way for history's largest amphibious operation.

Thus far, three parachute regiments have been cited for their D-day work. Landing in the Ste. Mere-Eglise Sector, they engaged the enemy's rear installations and so effectively carried out their missions that to them is credited a large part of the success of the Normandy operation. Fighting against great odds, they held off columns after columns of German

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IT TAKES A LOT OF DOUGH to pay for the dough which goes into breadmaking for thousands of hungry GIs at Fort Benning. The B. and C. School bakers are past masters of the art and Uncle Sam has provided them with the most complete and modern equipment money can buy for the purpose. At the extreme left in the above strip we see dough in process of being mixed in the giant mixer. At center, left, is one of the series of modern ovens in which the dough is baked into big fresh golden brown loaves. At center right the bread is shown in the proof room where it is allowed to rise after leaving the molder; out go the loaves (extreme right) down the bread chutes as soldiers from one of the post's many units receives his outfit's daily quota of the staff of life. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photos.)

'The Soup Must Go On, Come Hades or High Water' B&C Motto

Fort Benning's Bakers and Cooks School trains Army cooks and bakers to produce food for their comrades regardless of whether their field kitchen is smashed by enemy shells, baking and cooking equipment riddled by machine gun fire, or fuel oil or kerosene exhausted for their ranges.

Every class at Fort Benning's B and C School is taught how to meet just such emergencies when they are charged with the task of seeing that the fighting men on all far-flung battle fronts are kept fed under any conditions.

Kitchen equipment may be smashed and most of the utensils destroyed, but so long as the cook can find a discarded oil drum and shovel he can produce bread and fill meals. He even is taught to prepare a meal in a hole in the ground, somewhat on the line of the old Maine woodsman's bean-hole.

When they go into the field, American bakers and cooks are provided with the best equipment of their kind in the world, but, if necessary, they can function under conditions that would make an Indian wonder what to do. Lt. Colonel Grover M. Ford, Commandant of the School and all B and C Schools in the Fourth Service Command, asserts:

Cooks are taught how to make improvised ovens of clay and straw, hay, or grass, and a little water. They are heated thoroughly by a fire which is removed and the meat can be cooked by the retained heat. Another type is dug out of a hillside, working on much the same principle and it is advised where clay and straw is not easily obtainable.

TRENCH COOKING

But even if the hillside is not available, they can bake in a trench type oven which is burned out thoroughly. Eighteen hours is recommended. Then the meals are placed inside and the trench is covered with any metal that can be salvaged. Coals are then placed on top of the oven to give an even heat.

Even if the yeast, without which palatable bread could hardly be made, were exhausted, the bakers are prepared to create the proper conditions for making a yeast culture of their own. They are trained to obtain virgin yeast from the air. They do this by making a mixture including water, mashed or boiled potatoes, flour, salt and sugar, and leaving it exposed to the air at a temperature of 80 degrees.

The Fort Benning Bakers and Cooks School is the parent school for all bakers and cooks schools in the Fourth Service Command.

Its Commandant, Colonel Ford, directs the work of these Service Command Schools from his headquarters at Fort Benning, and visits each school every other month. Prior to his call to active duty March 24, 1941, Colonel Ford was a professor and head of Chemistry Department, Berry College, School No. 2.

In addition to the parent school at Fort Benning, there also is Bakers and Cooks School Number 2, which is for colored soldiers. This school is under the immediate direction of Major Abraham Pfeiffer, Assistant Commandant of the School.

Aside from the two schools at Benning, there are at present four other Fourth Service Command Bakers and Cooks Schools which are operated under the direction of Colonel Ford. These are located at: Fort Bragg, N. C., Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., Maxwell Field, Ala., and Camp Shelby, Miss.

Captain Robert J. Dickson is Assistant Commandant of the parent Bakers and Cooks School here at Benning; 1st Lieut. Donald S. Van Meter is supervisor of Dehydrated Food's Range, and also is Athletic Officer for the parent School; and 2nd Lt. John E. Meizer is an instructor for officers' classes.

Warrant Officer Daniel H. Siroy, who is stationed at the Benning parent School, is chief of the military personnel branch for all Fourth Service Command Bakers and Cooks Schools. Senior instructor at the Bakers and Cooks School here is Master Sergeant Henry B. Whitehorn, Jr., while Master Sergeant John W. Sheffer is baking instructor.

Courses are given for cooks and for bakers, and for officers who are trained as mess supervisors, for mess sergeants, and in dehydrated foods.

DEHYDRATED FOOD

The highly publicized and immensely valued dehydrated foods which are being used by our armies overseas are no mystery to the B and C Schools here. Students who attend local courses in the cooking of dehydrated foods are taught to serve delectable meals, complete from soup and fruit cocktails to desserts, making their meals from ingredients composed of little stews or powder-like substances.

The students learn how to take four pounds of dehydrated potatoes and prepare servings for 100 persons in the style they prefer, whether mashed, au gratin, scalloped or American fried. They can take a few mugs of dehydrated apples and whip them up into a luscious pie, or a few ounces of beef and eggs and do them up as a chef in a fine hotel would prepare them in the natural state. Taste, color, flavor and aroma of the foods are retained for the most part, as in the original article.

These students learn that the substances they cook with originally were fresh foods from which a large percentage of water and inedible portions like peels, bones and seeds have been removed, and that such foods are harvested at the peak of their maturity, are

carefully selected varieties, and are thoroughly cleaned and dried by scientifically controlled processes. They retain most of their original food value and vitamin content.

EXPERT BAKERS

But in addition to learning about the "miracle food" of dehydration, they also learn the art of baking to the fullest. They take the school in its vast garrison bakery bake all the bread used by the various organizations located on greater Fort Benning, including both the Sand Hill and the Harmony Church area, as well as the main Post and the Alabama Parachute area. This baking is done by personnel of the school and a handful of students. The bakery operates three shifts a day, on a full 24-hour a day basis, to provide all the bread for the vast Army post.

The Post Bakery is operated under the direct supervision of Major Marcus E. Geopier, Sales Officer, who is assisted by 1st Lieut.

YANKS USE A CODE JAPS CAN'T MASTER

ROSEBUD, S. D. (ALNS)

William Crow Eagle, a Sioux veteran of the first World War, is quite a guy around his American Legion, club here—and with reason. Legionnaire Crow Eagle has been informed that his son, Ivor, now in service in the South Pacific, together with another Indian boy from Rosebud, Pvt. Clarence Wolf Guts, are paired up in intelligence work. They transmit in the Sioux language, information from Maj. Gen. Paul J. Mueller, commanding the 1st Division, to his chief of staff, Col. James C. Short. They stymie all Jap efforts to learn what is being transcribed even if they listen in. For Sioux talk is a battle weapon the Japs haven't solved.

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Four Medals Presented At Retreat Parade

At an impressive retreat parade ceremonies, Friday evening, three medals were presented for valor while one Combat Infantry Badge was given as Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson pinned the medals on the soldiers or to next of kin.

The Bronze Star Medal was awarded posthumously to Pvt. Laymon H. Massey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laymon H. Massey, Sr., Route 2, Phenix City, the presentation being made to Mr. Massey. Presidential Unit citation badges were pinned on Tec-4 Elmo R. Olson, Minneapolis, Minn., now of Military Police Detachment, Sec. 1 and Tec-5 Robert V. Westmoreland, Tupelo, Miss., now of Supply Division, Supply Detachment, Sec. 1. The unit badges were for service with the famed American Division on Guadalcanal, August 7, 1942 through December 9, 1942.

COMBAT BADGE

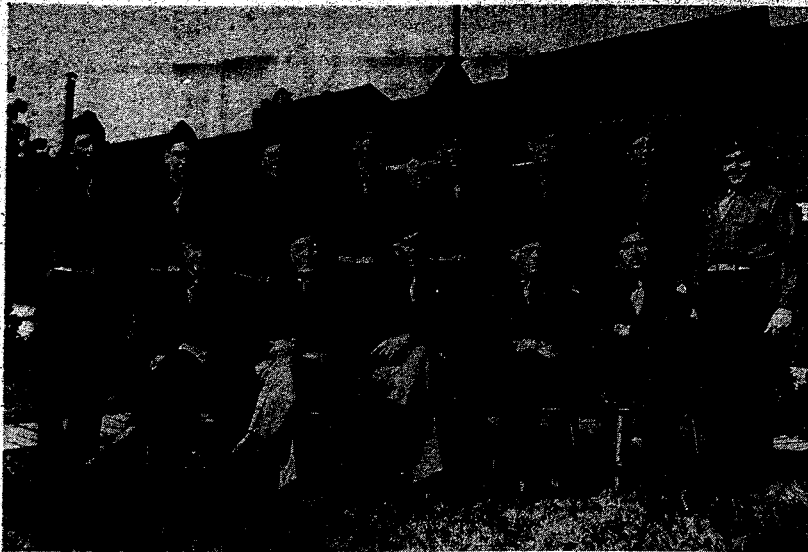
The Combat Infantry Badge was presented to Pfc. Francis R. Corby, Winchester, Mass., of Military Police Detachment, Section 1.

After the military band played the National Anthem as the colors came fluttering to the ground on the tall flagpole before the 3d Infantry parade ground, the citations were read by Lt. Col. J. D. Rosenberg, Jr., post adjutant, and the medals then were presented by General Hobson.

The Bronze Star was awarded to Private Massey, who was killed in action, "for heroic achievement in combat." On June 9, 1944, in France, a group of men which included Private Massey was pinned down by machine gun fire. Private Massey crawled to an exposed position on a garden wall. While under fire of an enemy sniper, he effectively fired his Browning automatic rifle and stopped the enemy machine gun fire, thus enabling the rest of his group to reach cover and safety. His conduct was in accordance with the highest standards of the military service.

UNIT CITATIONS

The Presidential Unit citations which went to officers and enlisted men of the First Marine Division, Reinforced, stated that this organization "On August 7 to 9, 1942, demonstrated outstanding gallantry and determination in successfully executing forced landing assaults against a number of strongly defended Japanese positions on Tulagi, Bafutu, Tananabogo, Florida and Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, completely routing all the enemy forces and seizing a most valuable base and airfield within the enemy zone of operations in the South Pacific ocean. From the above period until December 9, 1942, this reinforced division not only held their important strategic positions despite determined and repeated Japanese naval, air and land attacks, but by a series of offensive operations against strong enemy resistance, drove the Japanese from the proximity of the



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS OF THE PRISONER OF WAR CAMP are shown in their first staff picture. Seated, left to right, Chaplain Roderick MacEachen, Major Clarence T. Johnson, executive officer; Col. George M. Chescheir, camp commandant; Captain Merwin J. Camp, operations officer, and Captain Carmello San Philippo, medical officer. Standing are Lt. Harry Schmidt, compound commander; W. O. (J.G.) Harry W. Jones, custodial officer; Lt. Henry Pickrell, canteen officer; Lt. James Rawleigh, Jr., intelligence officer; Captain George L. Daley, detachment commander; Lt. Paul Maloney, compound commander; Lt. Edgar Smoak, supply officer, and Lt. Joseph Fidanza, dental officer. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo.)

89th Signal OB Is Vital Artery

To troops in combat uninterrupted communications are like arteries bearing lifeblood. Without communication the battle is lost—and without the battle, the war.

In the heat of combat, an Army Headquarters is busy, and the men who run the Army's units must have a quick and accurate picture of everything that is going on.

It is the mission of the 89th Signal Operating Battalion, 4th Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, to provide the means of bringing the true picture of events in the field to Headquarters. It is the Battalion's task to keep open the communications of Army Headquarters.

Using a very means of communication, both wire and wireless, the 89th is prepared to provide terminal facilities for both forward and rear echelons of Army Headquarters. "This includes installations of long and short local lines, and first and second maintenance of the necessary equipment," stated Captain Joseph E. Shreve, Battalion S-3. He further pointed out that the Battalion installs and maintains sufficient telephone, teletypewriter, telegraph and radio equipment necessary to fulfill its mission.

TENNESSEE-BORN

Organized April 20, 1944, at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, as the 89th Signal Battalion, the outfit was redesignated as "Operating Battalion" in July 1944. It arrived at Fort Benning on September 15, 1944, under the command of Lt. Col. Robert N. Hill.

Every kind of communications for Army Headquarters in tactical situations, it also sets up and runs the Army message center. Included in the category of specialists are cryptographers, telegraphers, teletypists, linemen, radio operators, and switchboard men.

The Battalion, which contains two lettered companies, A and B, and a medical detachment, is housed in the Pine Grove Area of Benning. Here, it is carrying on an important communication task. Men of the 89th installed and operate the master switchboard in

the Pine Grove area. This board links all the units in that section of Benning with the main Post, and from there to "Any telephone in the country," according to Capt. Shreve.

During October, Co. B participated in maneuvers with the XXIII Corps in the vicinity of Camp Rucker, Alabama.

The highly skilled technicians in

the 89th Signal Operating Battalion know and handle their complex equipment with the ease of the experts they are. Like the faithful postman, who always makes his appointed rounds, the 89th is ready, willing and able to keep the wires humming with the vital messages which may mean victory or defeat on the battlefield.

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"But instead of firing the Germans threw their hands up in the air."

"For crying out loud! Red ejaculated. 'Put those guns down! and he motioned the Germans to throw down the guns.

"And they did! Very shortly two GIs came by, and Red turned his seven prisoners over to them. 'Not a bad day's work—for an un-armed Medical Corpsman!'

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The Bayonet, Thursday, November 23, 1944

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Each section of the detachment has a dance or a smoker at frequent intervals, and through the cooperation of the USO in Columbus, girls are obtained to attend these parties. Men are encour-

Members of the detachment cooperate with the Reconditioning Unit in the publication of a hospital magazine, "Vim, Vigor and Vitality." The magazine, 16 pages are made up and printed on a press purchased by Hospital Fund for the use of Reconditioning Unit. The first issue came off the press in 1934. The magazine is a small part of its pleasing appearance and interesting reading matter is due to the pull-together spirit of the detachment.

ABREAST OF NEWS

The Information and Education Committee is a group of

and the Oriental Library is maintained in the main day room. Colored troops keep up with the progress of our armies by maps in their day room.

The Detachment of Patients who does the paper work in connection with the discharge of a considerable number of hospital patients, each week functions with personnel supplied by the Medical Detachment.

1st Sergeant Audrey C. Bittle is sergeant major in the Main Hospital building, and Clyde W. Addison is 1st sergeant of the Detachment, Section I. Henry Allen, who reaches 20-year retirement spot during the year, is 1st sergeant of Section II.

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SPECIALISTS ALL
In war games, the men live the life of the soldier, the same as other Army personnel, except in so far as photographic training is concerned. The men are not soldiers. One man is a specialist in his own field. Cameramen are sent out into the field to "cover" maneuvers. They are sent out to photograph the processing and most of the copying of documents and reports. Identification units are called in to identify the men depicted. Yet usually, all of the men live in one company area, stand company guard and perform the same function as a company.

Overseas, however, the combat assignment units generally operate in the same manner as the company rather than to the assignment platoons from which they are sent. Besides gaining military information, the men are also sent to command commanders, the photo company supplies military information to the command. The men are sent to material to be used for instructional purposes, provides historical re-

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Mears, with NCO assistant in the person of Sgt. Charles F. Morgan. A daily bulletin detailing the lat-

**Jeep Drivers
Are Too Rough
On Little Pets**

If GIs riding hard through the war on sturdy, little jeeps would be a little kinder to the brats, separation between driver and pet due to time in the repair shop, would be decreased considerably, the Maintenance Division, Army Service Forces emphasizes.

When the average jeep is sent forth to the echelon shop for some face lifting there are required 44.5 manhours of work to resurrect it for further duty. The average time is struck from a comparison of figures involving five month's repair work in fourth echelon maintenance in the Army's Bone of the Interior of Service Commands.

Major repairs to vehicles are made in fourth echelon maintenance, which utilizes the most skilled mechanics and trade specialists.

Hence, the time consumed in performing major repairs on a jeep or any other motor vehicle is an impediment to the Army's fighting power. This could be greatly reduced by the provision of maintenance instruction and measures by those who use the equipment, it is reminded by the Maintenance Division.

Personnel in the field who at times get quite disturbed over the length of time it takes to get a vehicle through a shop for repair may be interested in the following figures of man hours spent for each vehicle in fourth esche-

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Truck, 1 Ton,	624-5,510	16.4
Truck, 1 1/4 Ton,	624-22,447	32.4
Truck, 1 1/2 Ton,	624-20,447	32.4
Truck, 2 Ton,	624-13,658	51.4
Truck, 2 1/2 Ton,	624-20,447	51.4
Truck & Passenger	624-20,447	12.9

Dental Surgeons Keep Joe's Teeth in 'the Pink'

Uncle Sam's fighting men are in better condition than they ever before in the history of the services, according to Colonel McVillie Sanderson, post dental surgeon. Our soldiers, sailors, and marines can avail themselves of the dental care they used to get in civilian life, but the beautiful part of it is that it is as free as the air they breathe.

To take care of Benning's dental needs there are eight separate clinics on the reservation, each responsible to Colonel Sanderson, with a dental officer directly in charge.

Clinic locations and chiefs of service include, Dispensary "A," Maj. Nathan Adlerstein; main Hospital Unit No. 1, Major Benjamin Rubin; Sanitary Dispensary, Lt. Col. Pope B. Holliday; Harmony Church Hospital Unit No. 2, 1st Lt. Anthony O. Rehbock; Harmony Church Unit, 2nd Student Training Regiment, Maj. Sidney J. Zeitz; 3rd Student Training Regiment, 1st Lt. Walter F. Clark; and Fort Benning clinic, Alabama area, Maj. Eugene B. Forrest.

Caring for dental needs of the German prisoners of war interned at Fort Benning is Lt. Joseph E. Fidanze. Assisting him are two war prisoners, one classified as a dentist, and the other as a Zahnratt. The difference between the two seems to be in their educational qualifications and training, and the fact that the Zahnratt can be an officer, but the dentist cannot.

In addition to Station Complete clinics, the Army Air Forces maintains a five-unit clinic at Lawson Field with Major Robert L. Aubert in charge; and a two-chair clinic in operation at the Parachute School, Dispensary, Capt. George Swerdloff in charge. Briefly outlining the post dental program, Colonel Sanderson revealed that the eight local clinics averaged 16,000 sittings for September and October. Seventeen thousand five hundred of these patients received permanent fillings, our largest single activity. Other work included construction of 440 partial and 140 full dentures, not to mention prophylaxis, treatments of the gums, and extractions. The latter operation is performed only when other measures fail, and it is clearly detrimental from a health viewpoint, to leave the tooth. Parodontically enough, the number of replacements exceeded the number of extractions by at least 20 percent during 1943. However, the answer is understandable. Inductees are now taken without regard to number of teeth, and later visit

POST LABORATORIES

To manufacture and repair necessary dentures, Fort Benning maintains its own dental laboratory, which is as complete as the average civilian laboratory. For speedier service a production line system of denture construction is in operation under the supervision of Capt. Edward P. Burvant, chief of laboratory services. Work of the laboratory includes construction of dentures, both full and partial; construction of fixed bridges; and preparation of inlays.

Capt. Burvant explained that rubber is no longer used here in the construction of dentures, although it is still available for repair purposes. As in modern metropolitan laboratories acrylics or resin-based plastics are now used, exclusively, in the making of new dentures. Assisting in the laboratory are one civilian employee, Florence Reed, dental technician and veteran of World War I, and ten enlisted men, including Sgt. Crampton Griffith, who in civilian life, had his own laboratory at Birmingham, Ala. Referred out the staff is one WAC, who is receiving training as a dental laboratory mechanic.

The laboratory also busies itself with the training of enlisted personnel of medical units destined for overseas duty. During their stay here, these men are taught specialized and technical tasks which they may be called upon to perform in a theater of operations or actual combat area. Speaking of the duties of these men and their officers, Colonel Sanderson noted that the dental officer in combat is used as an auxiliary medical officer, helping to treat those with battle injuries in the hospital, he added, the dental officer is trained to handle fractures of the jaw and other minor surgery of the mouth, in addition to general operative dentistry. Aside from dentistry as a health measure and necessity, Col. Sanderson added that it can become an influencing morale factor. A missing front tooth may differentiate between a self-confident fighter and a self-conscious failure. That tooth is the dental corps' opportunity.

COMPULSORY ATTENTION

He added that the army is affording dental care to many persons who never before had known treatment. Of the civilian population, only about 12 per cent avail themselves of dental care and inspection in the army, every man is extended this advantage and given some compulsory attention; however, each soldier must take personal pride in his teeth and keep a watchful eye to their care. Local dental facilities are crowded and rushed due to added loads and losses in personnel but any man can obtain necessary treatment by making an advance appointment. For emergencies a dental O. D. service is maintained at the station hospital and by certain field clinics.

All soldiers about to be shipped overseas are given a thorough check, including filling of cavities, removal of infected teeth, construction and fitting of needed dentures, and recheck of old dentures. Many men, Col. Sanderson said, are salvaged for full field service by giving them teeth. "If an army fights on its stomach, it must have teeth," he said.

FOR THE BED-RIDDEN

But what of the bed-ridden soldier, unable to go to the dentist's chair? What dental treatment can he receive? Thanks to a unit available at the Regional Hospital clinic, long-ailing patients have their dental work a la carte. The unit, a portable dentist's workshop, is complete in every way, and can be wheeled from ward to ward with the greatest convenience. All it lacks is an X-ray machine.

Of X-ray machines, there is one in each of the eight dental clinics, along with other dental equipment of the latest and best type available. The same is true of materials used in fillings and manufacture of dentures. For fillings, silicates and silver amalgams are normally used; for inlays acrylics and gold; for crowns, gold; and for dentures as previously noted, acrylics and resin-based plastics are used.

Work in all of the larger clinics is sub-divided into various categories. In addition to the clinic head, there is the chief of oral surgery, who handles all fractures, and splint work and mouth surgery; the chief of prosthetic services, who is charged with all denture work; and the chief of operative services, in charge of all routine operative dentistry besides there are several civilian dental hygienists, whose duties are to clean teeth, and recently WACs

too, have been trained in this substantial task. At present the dental clinics are open 8:30 to 5:30 daily from Monday through Saturday, with emergency service available at other times. Col. Sanderson said that the clinics are very busy, but added that our fighting men are in better condition, dentally, than ever before.

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TIS-Trained Communications Grads Prove Selves In Combat

Reports from overseas ascertain that graduates of the Communication Section of the Infantry School are actually proving themselves in combat. The thoroughness insisted upon by the Section in their Enlisted Communication Course, Enlisted Radio Repairman Course and Officers' Communication Course, is now seeing its fruition. Besides directing the three schools, the Section also participates in the instruction of all advanced special basic and officer candidate students in the fundamentals of Infantry communication—a vital function in today's warfare. For these reasons, the Infantry School is exceedingly proud of its Communication Section.

The physical setup for the Section is elaborate, and its equipment is the most modern obtainable. Housed in a large group of new buildings on the Main Post, the classes are conducted in well-lighted, up-to-the-minute lecture halls and laboratories. The new code room, a model of efficiency, is a source of admiration to all who see it.

METHODS A SUCCESS The Infantry School's method of code instruction by use of phonograph records has proved so successful that it has been adopted by other communication schools throughout the Army. Such large numbers of students are trained by the section that the ideal of individual instruction has been departed from to the extent that phonograph recordings are widely used in certain phases of code instruction. The code room is set up with rows of tables at which 624 students may be seated at one time. By means of small partitions the tables are divided into individual booths, each equipped with a set of ear phones, an instruction book and a key. Through these phones the students receive code sent from the records, from automatic code machines or taped out on a key by one of the instructors. Code copy sent by radio stations is picked up off the air by radio receiving sets and retoured to the tables, giving the students practice in receiving messages punctuated with static and other outside interferences. During a code hour, students are also taught to transmit in a uniform manner for reasons of safeguarding security and elaborate variations of oscillating tone are used to sharpen the receiving ability of the radiomen.

The standards of the Communication Section of The Infantry School are high. For the enlisted classes, code is sent in groups of five characters with the letters and numbers mixed in speeds up to and including 13 words per minute. A man who qualifies as a 13 word operator at this school using mixed groups is usually well able to handle 20 words per minute in most field units. Students who were credited as 16-word operators in their permanent regiments before coming to the school find they are unable to handle 10 words a minute with the mixed groups when they first get here. Although 13 words per minute is sufficient for graduation, the average graduate reaches at least 18 words and a good percentage reach a speed of 25 words, or just about as fast as a man can copy by hand.

The students in the Enlisted Radio Operators' course are enlisted men selected in the various infantry regiments who have a high code aptitude or previous communications experience, either civilian or military. They are supplied with the latest equipment, five words per minute before they are sent here. They come to Fort Benning on detached service from their permanent units, and they

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another three months of a school. Greatest stress in the officers' course is placed on tactical application. Officer students receive training in tactics and communication for every form of operation an Infantry regiment may make, such as attack, defense, river crossing, night withdrawal, and pursuit. They learn to select command posts and axes of signal communication. They study the laying of the line to support and subordinate units and the interior arrangements of command posts. Twenty-two hours of the course are devoted to map an aerial photograph, reading, and practical work in map reading is included in all tactical exercises. The school encourages these officer students to use their own initiative in solving all problems and will accept any plausible solution as correct. At the end of the course they spend almost 100 hours in the field performing every duty that enlisted men under them will later perform. Ten hours of the course are spent in automatic instruction. This covers all types of Infantry motor vehicles and the proper method of loading them. It includes the selection and training of drivers. Lectures are given on field expedients with motor vehicles, and the maintenance and inspection of these vehicles.

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Boys' Activities Engages In Numerous Enterprises

A very unique organization headed by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, Post Commander, is the Boys' Activities Council of Fort Benning. Organized four years ago by the Post Commander, Col. Walter S. Fulton, with Lt. Col. Virgil New of the Infantry School as director, the program offered sponsorship and leadership for all activities, citizen-making, and physical training, to sons of officers and men who reside on the Army reservation.

Boys' Activities at Fort Benning sponsors, supervises and furnishes leaders in many fields. There are the Boy Scout Troops, Cub Pack, the Ranger Battalion, and the Boys' Activities Athletic Association. The latter activity provides for sports and recreation and includes the "Jeeps" (high school boys) and "Gremlins" (elementary school boys) basketball, football, basketball, swimming, tennis, golf, bowling and dances.

FATHERS AND SONS
The Ranger Battalion (age 7 to 9) is a father and son organization. Playground activities at the Fort Benning Children's school is under the leadership of Miss Lockhart, playground director. During the past year, father and son hikes have been organized

by Major Robert M. Hundelman and Major William G. Cook. Beavers on the reservation have been visited by this group. Lt. Col. J. Whitley and Major Truston Holder, The Infantry School, have acted as mature study advisors for boys of the post.

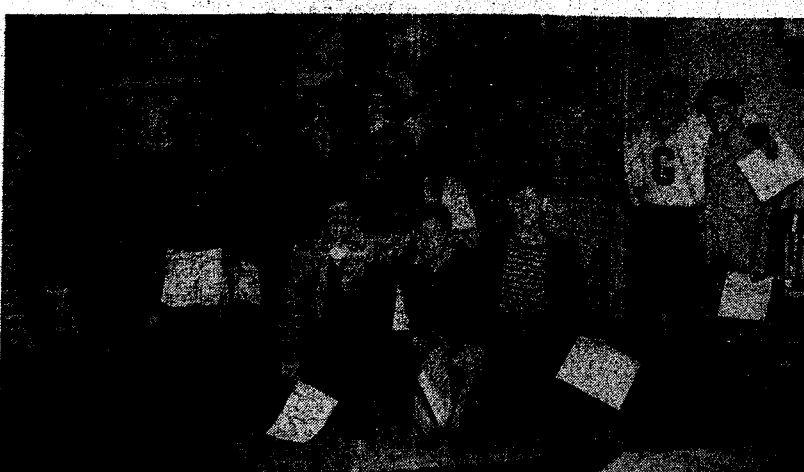
Boys' Activities Council consists of Brigadier General William H. Hobson as president of the Council; Lt. Col. Alexander H. Veazey, Post Headquarters Special Service Officer, as chairman; Major Paul Buckles, Post Chaplain, as member; Lt. George E. Simmons, The Infantry School, Special Service Officer, member; Lt. Alfred W. O'Neill, Post Headquarters, as member; and Major Fred L. Sparks, The Infantry School, as Director of Boys' Activities.

Boy Scouts of America: Troop No. 11, sponsored by the Post Chapel, is under the leadership of Lt. Col. Joe E. McShane, The Infantry School, as scoutmaster.

CUB PACK NO. 1
Cub Pack No. 1, Boy Scouts of America is also sponsored by the Post Chapel. Chaplain Peter Spurr, assistant post chaplain, is the cubmaster. The Den mothers are Mrs. McShane, Den 1; Mrs. Veazey, Den 2; Mrs. Webb, Den 3; and Mrs. McPhail, Den 4.

At the present time, with football in the air, the "Jeeps" are the senior boys gridiron team, composed of high school boys who live on the post. They are waging a successful campaign against teams from Columbus and Baker Village, playing both day and night games.

The Fort Benning Gremlins, the younger boys football team, have been playing football with Baker Village and Boys' Club in Columbus in addition to enjoying the fine relationship with boys from Baker Village and Columbus, both



PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED ATHLETICS is one of the many enterprises in which Boys' Activities of Fort Benning engages. In the above photo members of the Boys' Gremlin baseball team are shown with Brigadier General William H. Hobson, post commander, Post Chaplain Paul K. Buckles, and Major Fred Sparks, director of Boys' Activities. They are from left to right, standing: Harold Godfrey Skippy Perrine, Peter Perrine, Chick Vance, Don Mackay, Felix Davis, Larry Mitten, Chaplain Buckle, Bobby Wiegand, Allen Elair, General Hobson, Sonny Henderson (standing in front of the General); Major Sparks, Edward Futch, Dale Hilton and Charles Colston, kneeling (left to right) Mike Heraty, Danny Folladori (team captain), and Sonny Freethan. The boys had gathered in the post commander's office to receive their athletic certificates from him personally. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Thrift Shop Buys, Sells Items From Soup To Nuts

If you need anything from baby clothes to a full set of furnishings for a home—or if you want to sell same—the Thrift Shop is at your service.

The Thrift Shop is conducted by the Fort Benning chapter of Daughters of the U. S. Army, with offices and sales rooms located under the south stands of Doughboy Stadium next door to the telephone office.

And there you can find everything from toys to outdoor molders. Sometimes you can even find electrical equipment long off the market.

PROFITS TO CHARITY
The Thrift Shop is established as a service both to people who want to dispose of their household goods and clothing and those who want to purchase it. All goods are taken on consignment and appraised at a fair price set. A 10 per cent fee is taken from the sale, and all profits from this sale are donated to the American Red Cross. The sale price of articles frequently donated all together go to the obstetric ward of the A.S.E. Regional hospital and to other charities designated by the sponsoring body.

The Post Thrift Shop was started about four years ago in a little room near the quartermaster's office and a few months later it was taken over by the Army Daughters and moved to Anderson avenue, under management of Mrs. Hamilton Thorn. Later it was moved to Wold avenue and then to its present location. In August, 1945, Mrs. Walter Stutz Fulton became manager, and has continued in that capacity ever since. In its new enlarged location, the shop was able to handle

more goods, display them to better advantage, and thus show a 50 per cent increase in business.

"We'll sell everything from toys to outdoor molders," states Mrs. Walter Scott Fulton, manager of the store. "But one of the most popular lines that we handle is the baby outfitting. As a great part of King Baby's equipment is off the market for the war, the demand for used equipment, such as baby buggies, bassinets, bathtubs, etc., is enormous and the supply small. So this type of article, when in good shape, is sold almost at once."

"Another line of equipment constantly in demand," Mrs. Fulton continued, "is the electrical household one. Refrigerators, radios, and like things have standing orders waiting to be filled. And the demand for electric irons is so strong that many maintain almost a constant vigil on the shop to get an iron."

FURNITURE LINE
One of the biggest contributions to the war effort, the actual helping of the Army man when on the post, is the sale and re-sale of furniture. Mrs. Fulton pointed out that many articles of furniture have been consigned to the shop and then sold to someone to make an apartment more homey or to someone trying to fit up a house for use. Soon the usual furniture of war send this family elsewhere, and the goods are again handled through the thrift shop. In this way good buys are given persons coming in and small losses are taken by persons moving out, the loss being generally only the ten per cent where the family has taken good care of the household articles.

ONLY 2 PAID WORKERS
Expenses of the shop are kept to a minimum. There are just two paid workers—a cashier and Mrs. Fulton. All other workers are volunteers. Women of the post give their time to work as saleswomen—many of them are not members of the Army Daughters but are women who desire to help. During summer vacations a number of the younger girls living on the post help out with the sales work.

Mrs. James Tarr is president of the local chapter of the Army Daughters; Mrs. Virginia Clay is secretary and Miss Constance Oseth is treasurer.

Some of the unpaid workers who have given liberally of their time during the past year include Mrs. John Supensky, Mrs. Frank Pharaoh, Mrs. Robert Moore, Mrs. Lowell Thompson and Mrs. Robert P. Miller.

We met a first sergeant recently who doesn't have room on his good conduct ribbon for all his wild cat-leaf clusters—Belvoir Castle, Ft. Belvoir, Va.

A dear old lady was passing a rural stream where a company of soldiers was enjoying the refreshing experience of a cool swim. The lack of bathing suits was fairly obvious. "Oh dear," exclaimed the astounded woman, "those must be the shock troops."

WAC Officer Off To School

Lieutenant Mildred Corbett, assistant postal officer for the Reception Center, has been accepted as a student in the advanced officers class of the Adjutant General School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

She will leave for the southwest post during the first week in November, but following the termination of the class December 27, Lieutenant Corbett will return to her present assignment in the Reception Center Mail Room.

Lieutenant Corbett stated that she would take general administrative work with emphasis upon personnel activities. She is one of five colored WAC officers to be assigned for study in the Adjutant General School at Fort Sam Houston, La. Rosetta Cannon, former assistant postal officer in the Reception Center, but presently holding a similar position at Fort McClellan, Ala., has already enrolled at the school.

As assistant postal officer, Lieutenant Corbett has charge of the locator file, supervises the work of 12 Wacs in the Reception Center Mail Room, and sees that mail parcels and packages meet the requirements of Army and postal regulations. She is the daughter of Mrs. L. B. Coburn, 1142 North Greenwood street, Tulsa, Okla. Before entering the Army, Lieutenant Corbett was a stenographer at the State hospital at Tulsa, Okla.

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tually operate the radios over an extended area. Ground to air communication is maintained with some of the students riding in an airplane and communicating with other students on the ground. A few hours are spent on visual and sound signaling, including pails, pyrotechnic signals, and flags and lamps. The use of sound as a means of communication is discussed.

The Enlisted Radio Repairman from regiments or battalions and men who have completed the Radio Communication course and

Course is made up of men selected for further training along the technical line. Housed in two separate buildings, the repairmen have at their disposal, complete work laboratories and lecture halls. The work laboratories are equipped with the latest innovations and radio sets similar to those used by the men in their own outfits. Thus, they are given not only a detailed study of equipment in general but an opportunity to work with radio sets and miscellaneous electrical equipment they will maintain as regimental and battalion repairmen.

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stores or radio technicians and the Officer Communication graduates are capable communication officers. To get the benefit of experience and to learn how their graduates perform, every effort is made to keep up with the latest requirements and developments overseas, and reports from active theatres indicate that the graduates from these schools are well prepared to "Get The Message Through."

THE STAFF
Col. Maximilian Clay was Chief of The Communication Section until recently given a new assignment. The position is now being filled by Col. Everett L. Rice, executive officer, Captain G. W. McLeelan, secretary, is assisted by Lt. E. Francis and CWO F. C. Benefield.

Chiefs of the various committees and groups are: Lt. Col. R. R. Crenshaw, Radio and Visual; Maj. W. M. Jefferson, Code and Procedure; Maj. G. B. Cullison, Tactics; Maj. A. L. Strohn, Radio Field Sets; Maj. B. M. Lantz, Radio Sets; Capt. H. L. Margues, Radio Repairman Course; and Maj. L. J. Williams, Wire and Message Center.

The supply personnel is headed by Capt. James Tedesco, assisted by Cpl. E. Johnson.

Among the non-commissioned personnel who hold key jobs in the section are: M-Sgt. Joseph Crabtree, Radio Sets; M-Sgt. E. M.

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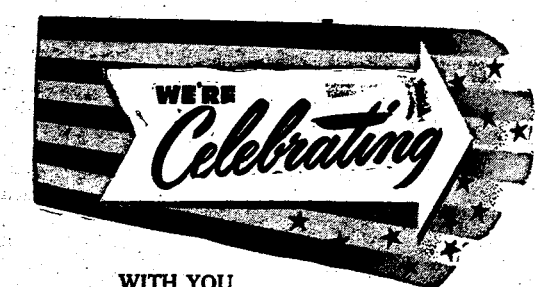
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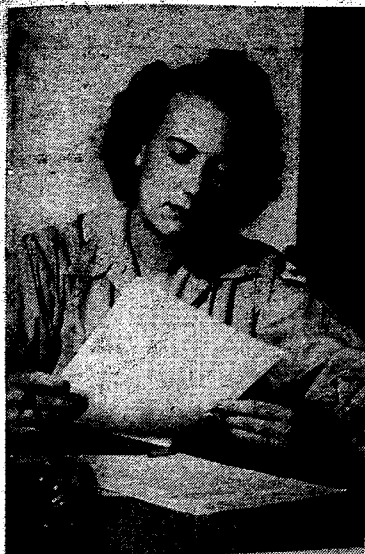
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WHEREVER WACS ARE SERVING, at home or abroad, they have been turning in such an excellent performance that high ranking Army officers are urging "Give us more Wacs." Fort Benning's Wacs are held in the same high esteem in recognition of the tip-top work they are doing here. Shown in the above strip are Wacs of the



Station Complement engaged in a few of the numerous activities assigned them. At the extreme left is T-5 Marie Woerner, former psychology instructor in the University of Nebraska, holder of the M. A. degree, at work editing some copy for "Pass'n Review," publication of WAC Detachment, Station Complement, Section 1. T-5 Woerner



is author of the accompanying article describing the work of the Wacs here. At center left is Cpl. Ann Dean of the Signal Corps Photograph Laboratories with camera and equipment case setting out on an assignment for the Post Public Relations Office. Center right shows Pvt. Pauline Ward at the Provost Marshal's office in the pro-



cess of learning how to distribute ink evenly on a plate glass ink holder from which finger prints are taken. At the extreme right, Pfc. Beatrice Strauss is running a quantitative sugar test in the Army Service Forces Regional Hospital where she serves as a laboratory technician. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photos.)

Post Wacs Prove to Skeptics That They're Pretty Good Soldiers

It was March 5, 1943 when the men taking over some of their first WAAC Company under 2nd Officer Evelyn Rothbrock invaded Fort Benning. They had come in from the 2nd WAAC Training Center at Daytona Beach, Fla. Curiosity and skepticism abounded on all sides. Benning soldiers, some high brass not excepted, laughed at the idea of wo-

men taking over some of their jobs. But when Fort Benning saw the Wacs' snappy salutes, their precise courtesy and military bearing, and the way they tackled their jobs, skepticism quickly changed into admiration and curiosity into acceptance. The "Fort" approved of their brand of "soldiering," or as President Roosevelt put it, "They have justified magnificently the trust placed in them."

MANY CHANGES

Many changes have taken place since that first cold, bleak morning in March. The first commanding officer, 2nd Officer Evelyn Rothbrock, was promoted to first officer, and in June 1943 was sent to Washington. She was succeeded by her executive officer, 2nd Officer Gail A. Gaines. It was in August 1943 that the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps became a part of the Army. They had now been officially recognized as soldiers and were entitled to enjoy all the privileges accorded soldiers.

The company, which had formerly been known as the 43rd Headquarters Company was now designated as WAC Detachment, Station Complement, Section 1. In September 1943, Lieutenant Gaines was sent to Adjutant General's School in Washington, and 1st Lt. Jeanette Miller, who was mess and supply officer of the original company, and the first WAAC to come to Fort Benning, succeeded her. Lieutenant Miller received her captaincy in January 1944. In October, she was made Post War Bond Officer and assistant personal affairs officer. 1st Lt. Dorothy Phillips, the mess, supply, and executive officer, succeeded her and is the present commanding officer.

The Wac is a worker. She is found in Post Headquarters—working in Message Center, in Personnel, Special Service, and Control Sections. She is working in Billings Record, M-R, Identification, and Inspector General's offices. She is found at the Main Theatre, at the Service Clubs, at the APO, and at the Finance Office. She is working at the library, the Provost Marshal, the Mess Hall, the Signal Office, Dispensary, and Chapel. She is at the hospital, working in the wards, in the sup-

ply rooms, and message centers; as a physical therapy assistant, laboratory technician, medical technician, psychologist, typist, and clerk.

GOOD WORKER

The Wac is a good worker. She has demonstrated in the last two years that in most lines of endeavor, women possess an ability fully equal to that of men. Col. J. D. Rosenberg, Jr., post adjutant, attested, "We find that they are the equal of men in the same job, and that they are especially adept at detail work."

The answer to the efficiency of these Wacs was the request for other companies. If they had not proven themselves good soldiers, loyal, efficient, and willing—four other companies would never have arrived on the Post. Two are assigned to the Infantry School, one to The Parachute School, and a colored company of Wacs to Station Complement.

Many Wacs have received valuable specialized training by attending school. There have been 15 members of the company to attend Officer Candidate School. Others have attended medical technicians, laboratory technicians, dental technicians, administrative, finance, special service, signal, photographic, cooks and bakers, and recruiting schools.

GO OVERSEAS

Sixty-seven Station Complement Wacs have received overseas assignments. They are stationed in England, France, Italy, Australia, Hawaii, Egypt, and New Guinea. Most Wacs are anxious to go overseas, and feel, as one Wac put it, "This is a once in a life-time opportunity."

The following Station Complement Wacs are serving overseas: Cpl. Mildred Ahner, Sgt. Ina Anderson, Pfc. Sarah Appelbaum, Sgt. Mary E. Berkebile, T-5 Juanita Boone, Pfc. Ida Caudill, 1st Lt. Dora Chambers, T-4 Alice Chemistruck, Pvt. Stella Chwauk, Pfc. Alice Clejdon, Pfc. Arlene Colby, T-4 Grace Costa, Pvt. Charlotte Dobson, Pfc. Florence Domenichello, Cpl. Jean Dorton, Pfc. Grace Fair, Pfc. Sue Fench, Pfc. Leone Ferrin, Pfc. Louise Folliot, Pfc. Demaris Fowler, Sgt. Carmela Gervasio, S-Sgt. Isabelle Gilmore, T-4 Bertha Godbey, Pfc. Betty Gordon, T-5 Celis Grimley, Pfc. Mary Guppy, Pvt. Hazel Haloran, Sgt. Thelma Harmon, T-5 Rebecca Harrison, Cpl. Lily Hodge, T-5 Beulah Hudson, Pfc. Laura Hustedt, Cpl. Clemence Jean, T-4 Mattie Jones, Pvt. Ailsa Jones, T-5 Florence Kallim, Pvt. Irma Kaufeld, T-5 Louise Lade, Sgt. Mabel Lane, T-5 Irma Latham, Pfc. Elizabeth Lauby, Pfc. Vivian LeGrange, T-5 Bessie Levin, T-4 Leola London, Pfc. Dorothy Luongo, T-5 Marie Menna, Pfc. Mary Minucci, Pfc. Rosalyn Munn, Pfc. Lucille McClatchey, Cpl. Hedwig Plenczkowski, Pfc. Theresa Pipereata, Sgt. Helen Rickell, Pvt. Anna Romer, Pfc. Sally Ryan, Pfc. Catherine Schneider, T-5 LaDonna Schuster, T-5 Sybil Slicker, Pfc. Faye Smith, Pfc. Adelaide Somers, T-4 Pearl Short, Pfc. Sophie Szymakowski, Pvt. Jeanne Terry, T-5 Anna Thompson, Pfc. Ellen Toth, Pfc. Bertha Trask, Sgt. Agatha Warfield, Pvt. Marie Wood.

Dipping into their pockets numerous times, Station Complement Wacs have answered many nationwide patriotic drives. In the recent War Chest Drive, they gained 100 per cent participation; in blood donations, they exceeded their quota; they were commended by the Red Cross for their generous donations; and all participated in the March of Dimes. Seventy percent are participating in pay reservations for bonds, which is a high figure.

The WAC mess hall, known throughout the Post for its attractive interior, has won the "E" flag for superior messes three times.

In off-duty hours, Station Complement Wacs participate in many past activities. Some sing in the chapel choirs, and others are seated behind the organs or teaching Sunday School classes. Some participate in talent shows and Special Service features like "Aquapoppin'," while others are vocalists for dance bands and entertainers at parties. They are a much sought-after group when it comes to company parties. They put out a monthly publication, "Pass 'N Review," which disseminates company news and gossip. They have organized their own bowling and soft-ball teams, a

71st Division Publishes Eight Unit News Sheets

The 71st Division adheres to the principle of decentralization in the encouragement of the unit, rather than the division, newspaper purpose of sustaining the meaning and flavor of personal notes. The result is the publication of eight such papers.

All of the unit newspapers are weeklies—some, like the SHIELD and the JUNGLEER, printed jobs of enviable professional character, with a circulation of several thousand each. The others are mimeographed editions, riding club, and a company chorus.

Indeed, the first WAC company has become an integral part of Fort Benning. They share its life; they like its routine; and the "Fort" has approved of these "women in khaki."

leading from the RICOCHET, ranging the list of mimeos with 2,100 copies weekly, to THE A G JOURNAL, an orientation brief for the Div. Hq. Section, with an output of 75 weekly. The remaining mimeo newsheets fall in between these levels, with 600 copies weekly for the ROCKY MT. CANARY, 250 for the MEDICAL SWABS 'N SPLINTS, and 150 for the SIGNAL GAZETTE, and through the combined efforts of all these a bustling, adequate coverage is assured for the whole division.

THE SHIELD

The SHIELD, senior publication of the group, has not missed more than 8 editions in 11-12 years of its existence, although it has appeared "in the field" in Mississippi, in Colorado, and during the grueling winter maneuvers in the Coastal Range of California. Editor "Irv" Werstein (formerly of "YANK" staff) likes to think of the surrender of Italy last year as his biggest "scoop." For hardly had the first news of the event been received by short-wave, when a special edition of the SHIELD covering the surrender was on its way to the Colorado

ants, where the 5th Inf. Regt. was then engaged in field problems. **STUBBORN, EH?**

The significance of the name ROCKY MT. CANARY is frequently lost on those who are not acquainted with the 71st Div's past. Formerly, the division's chief mode of transport was mule-back; and, of course, what is a mule if not a "rocky mountain canary?"

Newest of the publications is the SIGNAL GAZETTE, serving the journalistic needs of the 571st Sig. Co.—unique among the papers in that it alone represents a unit of but company strength.

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Another time-saving feature of this new service will be the elimination of a bus stop at the M. P. Gate on the way out of camp. Passes will be checked at the turnstiles before loading out of camp. Coming into camp will necessitate a stop at the Post M. P. gate.

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SGT. WILLIS BROWN leads the Reception Center Chorus at one of its regular Thursday night radio shows "Songs of the Soul" which gained the organization such fame that it now is known all over the country. Organized three years ago, the Chorus now is preparing to take to the road in a bond tour that will take it to 26 cities in seven Southeastern States. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Reception Center Has Processed 160,000 Men Since Pearl Harbor

By CPL. LEW SWINGLER

There is a little ditty soldiers in the Reception Center sing as a wisecrack on their future GI buddies reporting for active military duty on orders of their draft boards. It goes: "See that 'jody' looking so fine. He ain't got the Army on his mind."

From the awkward appearance of many of these selectees who converge fresh from civilian life upon Fort Benning's Reception Center, it would seem to be an impossible task over to get these men so thinking about the Army or convert them into smart, well-disciplined men of war. But it does happen, and just in the course of days. If the United States Army has the reputation of doing the "impossible," then the Reception Center here at Fort Benning has done its full share in contributing to that reputation. "Once the 'jody' (GI lingo for civilians) reach this unit, it is only a matter of hours before they

are transformed according to military specifications. The underlying plan and operation of the Reception Center are primarily for the purpose of fitting the new comer into the military pattern, and conditioning him as quickly as possible for the transition from his status as a civilian to that of a soldier.

LARGEST IN U. S.

This is the largest Reception Center in the United States Army. Sprawling over an area that once served as the outer fringe of the 24th Infantry Regiment area, this command since its activation on a permanent basis May 24, 1941,

has been the gateway for 25 percent of all Negro men inducted into the armed forces since the passage of the National Selective Service Act. They have come from five states of the Fourth Service Command, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Over 160,000 men have been processed here, and sent to commands all over the country. Colonel John P. Edgerly, commanding officer of the Reception Center, in outlining the scope of operation of the Reception Center, stated: "The Commanding Officer said also that in the shipment of thousands of men all over the country, requiring more than 450 separate train movements, 'this has been accomplished without a single mishap enroute, and without one man failing to reach his destination except when caused by hospitalization due to illness enroute. The same exceptional record applies to the activities of the Reception Center itself, where no serious accidents have occurred since the establishment of this unit with the exception of one accidental death by drowning, Colonel Edgerly said. This record has been matched by that made in the prevention of fires. In spite of the enormous and continual flow of inexperienced men, many of whom had to be housed in huts and tents, during the early days of the Reception Center, there has never been a fire of sufficient magnitude to put even one tent out of use," Col. Edgerly remarked.

SEPARATION CENTER
In recent weeks, the Reception Center has developed a Separation Section for the discharge of men who have demonstrated inadaptability or physical limitation below the minimum requirements. This separation section, under supervision of Captain Houghland, is staffed with enlisted men who have made remarkably good records in the Classification, and Records Section. Three non-commissioned officers are responsible for carrying the men through the processes necessary for obtaining discharges Under Sections II, VIII, and X. They are Staff Sgt. James Williams, of Atlanta, Ga.; Sergeant Richard Stallworth, of Tunnel Springs, Ala.; and T-4 W. W. Century, of Augusta, Ga.

Men who are being released from the armed services at this newly organized Separation Center are those who've been in the Army only a few weeks. Cadresmen eligible for discharges are sent to Fort McPherson, Georgia. Among pioneers of the officer personnel in the Reception Center includes the executive officer,

Lt. Colonel William C. Tipples, on duty in the Reception Center since November 23, 1942; Major Earl Turbyfill, commanding officer of the Armed Forces Induction Station, which has made the amazing record of inducting more than 200,000 men into the various branches of the armed services; Major R. P. Langley, commanding officer of the Receiving Battalion, and former Special Service officer for the Reception Center; Captain James B. Rinschard, transportation officer; and Captain Houghland, in charge of processing.

COL. EDGERLY

Colonel Edgerly came to the Reception Center as commanding officer in February of this year. He formerly served as executive officer of Fort Benning, and did not relinquish his duties in this capacity until May during which time he took over full command of the Reception Center. Col. Edgerly saw action in the Mexican punitive expedition of 1916, and during the World War served as a major with the U. S. Air Corps, but returned to the infantry in 1920. Before launching his military career in either the Army or Air Corps, Col. Edgerly had been trained in the Navy. He graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis with the class of 1910.

"Some conception of the magnitude of the Reception Center's activities can be obtained from the number of men handled during the year 1943. There were 45,488 men received and processed during the 12-month period. Some of these men were shipped to practically every camp and post in the United States. The Reception Center furnished convoy personnel to transport these men to their destination."

"This one operation in itself constituted a heavy responsibility," the commanding officer continued, and added:

"It meant that a large percentage of both officers and enlisted men of the Reception Center were always traveling, and therefore unavailable for their regular duties. During the same 12-month period, 43,068 men were shipped, which required from one to two kitchen cars. These cars were equipped with stove bases, ice boxes, bread boxes, wood containers, tables, etc., built by personnel of the Reception Center. Since the inception of the Reception Center, a total of only 162,000 men have been received and shipped with more than 450 separate train movements."

There are three distinguishing marks of Fort Benning's Reception Center. One is so revolutionary in its sweep that it will no doubt affect the post-war status of thousands of soldiers returning to civilian life.

FIGHT DISEASE

First of these revolves around medical science. Army doctors, carrying on a relentless campaign against social diseases, have succeeded in making remarkable headway against these silent, but death-dealing 'enemies' of the nation's manpower. Three dispensaries have been established in the Reception Center and they treat modern equipment and supplies venereal diseases with the most known medical science.

Located in an area where the incidence of syphilis and gonorrhea among the Negro population is the highest in the low standard of living, the United States Army clinics in the Reception Center have had to come face to face with the most pressing health problem of any similar medical setups in the armed services. The Reception Center dispensaries, therefore, are the largest social disease clinics in the nation, and their problems are frequently aggravated by the fact that the majority of soldiers who come to the Reception Center have had no conception of the seriousness of their condition.

Approximately 35,000 colored servicemen have been trained for the Army since the activation of the Reception Center.

"We go out to make these men fine as citizens as well as soldiers," Lt. Col. William C. Kennedy, surgeon of the Reception Center, asserted. "We spend many hours with them, and are now beginning to see the fruits of our work."

Col. Kennedy, during the peak of induction, has operated the three Reception Center dispensaries with seven officers and forty-nine enlisted personnel.

ALL WALKS OF LIFE

Through the portals of Fort Benning's Reception Center have passed men who are gifted in many fields. There have been musicians, musicians, artists, and technicians in the various crafts . . . men whose backgrounds have reflected every imaginable vocation of the civilian life from which they came.

While a majority of these men have been passed on to replacement centers to begin basic training or be utilized in other branches of services throughout the far-flung stretches of the country's military commands, many have been retained in the Reception Center to give Fort Benning the largest array of talent to be found at any post. Under direction of the Special Service Office, headed by Captain Robert M. Reynolds, the Reception Center has been able to march at the right time the best talents for the right occasion.

In the field of music and sports, soldiers of this command have gained national attention. Few military centers in continental America or at overseas posts can boast of a fine chorus and band. And the Reception Center athletes have captured honors in basketball, baseball, and football. The Reception Center football team, coached by Captain (Russ) Houghland, former grid star of Notre Dame, have not lost a game in two seasons of football. They went through an eighty-game schedule last year to capture the Service Conference title; beat Camp Forrest (Tenn.) Tornadoes in a post-season contest; won the Year's Day for the Southeastern Conference championship; and are now on the march this fall against the best collegiate and military football has to offer.

CHORUS AND BAND

Both the Reception Center Chorus and band have filled engagements for other units of this post and responded to numerous invitations.

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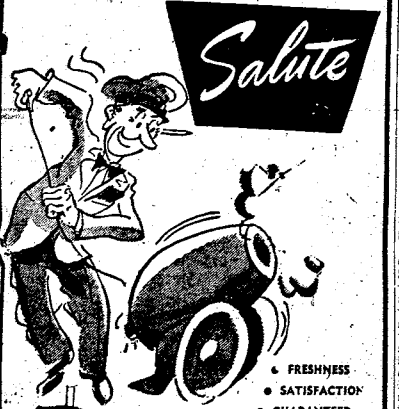
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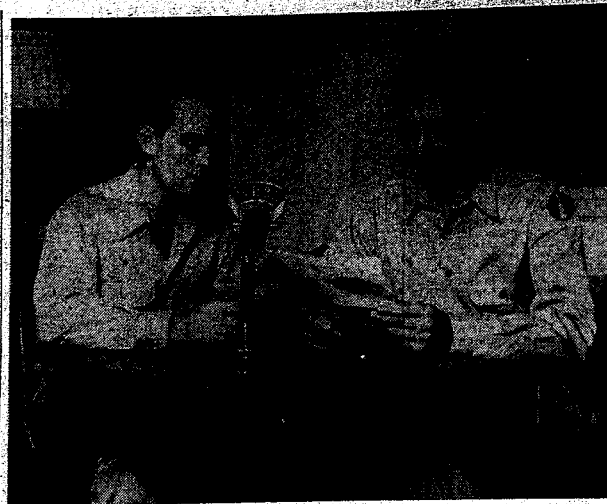
tations to render concerts in Columbus and other communities throughout the immediate vicinity. Their contributions during all the War Bond campaigns, and the national war fund drives have been particularly outstanding.

The Reception Center band (344th ASF Band), under direction of Warrant Officer Isaiah Johnson, still has a few of its original members, including Technical Sergeant A. A. Davenport, organizer of this musical group. Sergeant Willis Brown, only original member of the Reception Center chorus, serves as choral director. These singers are looked forward to every week by the scores of radio listeners as they sing their "Songs of the Soul" over Station WRBL.

Then there are those gifted as entertainers and with other spe-

cial talents. They are doing yeoman service in keeping the morale high among the thousands of casuals and trainees of the Special Training Unit. They have produced scores of musical shows, and presented a variety of activities for the entertainment of these men. They have gone to other units of Fort Benning and to the USO agencies in nearby Columbus to offer their talents for the enjoyment of hundreds of other soldiers and civilians. Among these contributors have been Sergeants Leroy Threadgill and Edward R. Montgomery, of the visual aids section; Corporal Cleavant Dericks, song composer; William Washburn, Jr., narrator for the chorus; and Staff Sergeant Ray W. Spearman, whose golden voice has won the favorable comments of critics the country over.

Formation of the Special Train-



THE INFANTRY HALL OF FAME is on the air with Pvt. Dick Keplinger (left) and Pfc. Rad Hall, of the Infantry School Public Relations Office, at the mike. This program is one of the many broadcasts from the Post PRO radio studio headquarters building. Both soldiers are experienced announcers. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo by Cpl. Tony Carrington).

ing Unit is possibly the "greatest distinguishing characteristic of the Reception Center. To Brig. General William H. Hobson, commanding officer of Fort Benning, Colonel Edgerly, and his official staff, the Special Training Unit is the capstone of the Reception Center.

There are presently three battalions of soldiers who constitute the Special Training Unit, often referred to as the "largest grammar school" ever developed in this country. The STU is under guidance of both officers and cadets who make up the administrative and teaching staff. Colonel Ernest J. Knott, executive officer of the STU, served as supervising principal of schools in his home State of Pennsylvania before entering the Army. His office has estimated that two men out of every three reporting to Fort Benning's Reception Center have had to be retained for a Grammar School education.

Three months of training in the STU have made these men more useful to themselves, their families, and nation at large. They are given the equivalent of from a first-to-fourth grade education within twelve to sixteen weeks. Some of these soldiers had never before been to a classroom and the tragedy of their plight has been expressed when asked the most simple question.

Courses of study, set up by the Army are taught by enlisted men who form the cadre staff of the Reception Center. There have been more than 5,000 trainees in the STU at one time, and a teaching staff of 375 cadetmen. A big majority of these inductees were selected from men who were be-

ing processed here in the Reception Center.

Effectiveness of the training given in the Special Training Unit has been increased through the use of pictures prepared in the visual aids section, under immediate direction of First Lieutenant Howard McCleary, assistant S-3. Hundreds of pictures have been turned out by members of the visual aids staff. They range from simple illustrations of letters and figures to character sketches and paintings. Visual aids has made the education STU trainees more functional and direct. This phase of the educational program also includes training films which have been shown to an average weekly attendance as high as 10,000 during the height of STU operation.

PERSONNEL STAFF

Evaluation of the academic progress of the trainees is made by the Personnel Consultation Staff. There is an officer who serves as personnel consultant for each battalion, and he mans a staff of enlisted men with backgrounds in sociology and psychology. The staff of enlisted men usually includes four assistant personnel consultants. Trainees are tested daily by these personnel consultants, and their promotion from one section to higher sections is based on the outcome of these tests. This phase of the educational program also includes training films which have been shown to an average weekly attendance as high as 10,000 during the height of STU operation.

On the basis of the amazing results that are being accomplished, the STU in the Reception Center will probably go down in history as the most pronounced contribution World War II has made to the progress of the American Negro.

"The STU is an institution of learning that will long be remembered as a 'child of war,' developed to make men better soldiers and to give them in general a broader scope of life in our American democracy," Col. Knott asserted in summing up the values of this educational program.

RELIGIOUS LIFE

During the past year the religious life of the Reception Center has been accentuated and raised to a higher level with the addition of three new chaplains. Presently there are four chaplains, one for each of the four battalions composing the Reception Center. They are Chaplains Cato H. Pierson, coordinating chaplain, who has immediate charges of religious services in the Fourth Battalion; Isaac McDonald, Receiving Battalion; Thaddeus Williams, Second Battalion; and Samuel Lewis, First Battalion. Chaplain McDonald, assigned to this command July 27, 1943, is oldest from status of longevity of service in the Reception Center.

While administering to the spiritual needs of the men is the predominant work of the chaplains, their responsibility does not stop there. They also serve as counselors, and their daily activities among the new recruits help them to get off to the right start as soldiers.

It was the Reception Center chaplains who made World Communion Sunday October 1 an event of wide interest throughout Fort Benning, and attracted a large number of communicants from Columbus, Ga. Chaplain Pierson had charge of arrangements.

There have been three major events that focused national attention on the Reception Center this year. The visit of Brig. Gen. B. O. Davis, of the Inspector General Staff, War Department, highest ranking colored officer in the U. S. Army; the dedication of the George Watson baseball field, named in honor of Pvt. George Watson, of Birmingham, Ala., first inductee from the Armed Forces Industrial Station to be awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (posthumously) for extraordinary heroism in the South Pacific; and the multi-million dollar War Bond fight between Pvt. Sidney Walker (Beau Jack) of the Reception Center, and Pvt. Bob Montgomery, of Keesler Field, Miss., in Madison Square Garden. GI Beau Jack of the Reception Center emerged from this thrilling exhibition match as victor, and the U. S. Treasury Department emerged from the admission gates with a total of \$35,864,996 in War Bond sales.

General Davis, during his four-day visit to Fort Benning, was in Center, He

used as his orderly First Sgt. John T. Humphrey, recently retired, as a token of high esteem for the veteran non-commissioned officer whom he had commanded years ago on the Mexican borders. Sergeant Humphrey, during General Davis' visit, was serving as first sergeant of Company A, Receiving Battalion.

FIELD DEDICATION

Dedication of George Watson baseball field was an occasion that honored the memory of a brave youngster who made the supreme sacrifice at Fochok Harbor, New Guinea after assisting several comrades to safety in a combat area. Witnessing the dedication ceremonies were his aged grandmother, Mrs. Emma Gaines, and a half-brother, Jesse Hill, both of Birmingham, Ala. Dr. Truman K. Gibson, civilian aide to the Secretary of War, was guest speaker. The picture of Private Watson hangs near the front entrance of the Reception Center headquarters, and a bronze plaque, unveiled on Watson field by his brother, Beau Jack, ex-lightweight

champion of the world, swelled hearts at every officer and enlisted man in the Reception Center by his patriotic contribution, and his rise to victory August 4 under the bright lights of Madison Square Garden. Although Beau Jack's title of world champion was not at stake, his defeat by Beau Jack gave trainees in the Special Training Unit something to celebrate when the Bouncing Beau returned triumphantly to the Reception Center.

Following his induction in the Army, Beau Jack spent several weeks in the Special Training Unit. He completed the STU course in less than the average time required, and is now giving a series of fights for the entertainment of Fort Benning soldiers while waiting transfer to a replacement center.

"Despite the fact the Reception Center deals with men from all walks of life, entirely unaccustomed to military training and Army restrictions, there has never been a serious fight or disorder, and no racial troubles of any nature," Colonel Edgerly pointed out.

There are more than a score of enlisted men who have grown up with the Reception Center and assumed much of the responsibility essential for its development. Among these are a few old-timers of the old 24th Infantry Regiment, notably Master Sergeant Louis A. Scipio, Sr., First Sergeant of Headquarters Company; and Master Sergeant Joe Elick, chief of the Reception Center Mess Section, of which Captain John W. Foster is commanding officer.

ARMY VETERANS

More than three years of service to the Reception Center have been given by the following men, majority of whom entered the Army after passage of the selective service act:

Technical Sergeants Bryant A. Bass, A. A. Davenport, Chester Harp, and Lawrence Washington; Staff Sergeants Horace Simmons, James H. Williams, Horace O'Neal Jackson, and Bland L. Batey; Sergeants Virgil Banks, Edward Wright, Leroy Threadgill, T. J. Collins, Dewey Chester, Edward R. Montgomery, Benton A. Adams, William H. Stovers, Technicians 4th Grade W. W. Gentry, Lucas Jenkins, Robert Miller, [Phis Field, James Benn, Thomas W. Flowers, Walter Jackson, Corporals Charles Valentine, Charles Jones, Robert Johnson, and Lawrence Campbell; Staff Sergeants James H. Lilly and Granville Croxton; Sergeants Leroy Harris, and Joseph White; and First Sergeants Cleveland Johnson, and Eddie Bacon.

Both officers and men, in view of the rapid expansion of the Re-

ception Center, have frequently had to assume more than one job. An example of this fact is the busy schedule of First Lt. Leroy Burkholder, who serves as officer in charge of the Checking Station, the Reception Center Mail Room, and the Officers Mess.

The past year has witnessed a number of general improvements in the Reception Center. Opening of the Hospitality House, now in care of Technical Sergeant Tom Field, has added to the comforts of visiting soldier-wives and other relatives. A new telephone center, located in the Special Training Unit area, adjoined to the newly developed orientation room are other improvements made. Most recent addition to the Reception Center has been the Band Shell where weekly concerts are given by the Reception Center band. The beautiful mural painting in the band shell, done by Sgts. Threadgill and Montgomery have been appraised as monumental by Colonel Edgerly.

ONCE NAZI PRISONER, NOW GUARD REAUS

FORT DEVENS, Mass. (ALP) — Sometimes things "work out all right." T-4 Eugene Excell thinks so. He was captured in North Africa by the Germans.

Back in the United States now, he is guarding German prisoners, among whom are some who were guards over him in Italy.

Military etiquette: When arguing with your first sergeant be sure you are right—then let the matter drop.—The Field News, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma.

Several recruits went into Ship's Service. The only attendant was sitting comfortably behind the counter. The boots waited. Nobody came to wait on them. "Can't you wait on us?" one finally managed to ask. "Can't you come in some time when I'm standing up?" was the indignant reply. Dearborn Navy News.



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Wacademics Contribute Much to Prof Regiment

One of the most important chapters in the long and colorful history of the Infantry School, The Infantry School, has been written by two detachments of the Women's Army Corps.

During the 13 months that they have been part of the regiment they have faithfully upheld and in some cases improved the high military standards maintained for 37 years by the regiment and its parent unit, the Infantry School detachment. At the same time the regiment has gained official recognition for its pioneering policy of bringing the WAC detachments completely into the administrative setup of the command.

The Infantry School WACs became part of the Academic Regiment, commanded by Col. E. P. Passaglia, in October 1943. Almost immediately their complete acceptance as soldiers was symbolized by the enlisted men who gave them the nickname of "Wacademics."

The Harmony Church unit, now called WAC Detachment One, TIS, traces its history back to the spring of 1943, when three platoons of enlisted women arrived at Benning as the 84th Women's Auxiliary Army Corps Detachment, which was then attached to the Student Training Brigade.

The Main Post unit, now known as WAC Detachment Two, TIS, was originally composed of personnel from the 66th WAC Company, Second Army.

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SIDE BY SIDE

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Because of civilian experience or their Army training, many WACs were able to take over certain jobs immediately.

Others served a short period as understudy. At first they assumed mainly clerical positions.

In a few weeks they were also assigned to such varied jobs as proofreading, binding, drafting and chauffeur.

Soon after the arrival of the two detachments the regiment welcomed its first WAC staff officer, Lt. (now Capt.) Margaret E. Riley, who was appointed regimental personnel adjutant.

For two months the entire WAC setup was regarded as an experiment.

Then, in January, 1944, the regiment's WAC policy was pronounced a complete success by three high WAC officials who made a thorough inspection of the detachments.

"We have gained many new administrative viewpoints from our visit here," Maj. (now Lt. Col.) Emily C. Davis, WAC staff director of the Army Ground Forces announced. "Most important of these were the regiment's system of including its WAC units in its company setup, and its use of WAC personnel for 'actual' and necessary military assignments."

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RED CROSS AUXILIARY—The Red Cross Auxiliary of Fort Benning is composed of leading women of the Post. Not present but head of the Auxiliary is Mrs. F. L. Walker. Those present (left to right) in the first row are Messdames Robert B. Jones, William H. Hobson, H. P. Perrine, and William L. Starnes. Standing in the second row are Messdames William Denton, J. N. R. Weaver, D. H. Hale, J. P. Rosenberger, Jr., J. L. Meyer, and I. G. Walker. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)



CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR CHILDREN OVERSEAS, packed by boys and girls of the Fort Benning Children's School, who are members of the American Junior Red Cross. The group shown completing the gift boxes are, left to right: Dean Zalesky, Francis Vaupel, Mary Bernard, and Daisy Leedy. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Women And Children Aid War Effort Thru American Red Cross

What are the women and children of Fort Benning doing to help in the prosecution of the war? They are doing an outstanding piece of work, a great deal of it as volunteer workers for the local chapter of the American Red Cross and the Junior Red Cross.

Below we publish a description of the war work in progress in the various elements which make up the Red Cross auxiliaries at Fort Benning.

Grey Ladies Bring Cheer to ASFR Hospital Wards

The Grey Ladies headed by Mrs. H. P. Perrine provide friendly and helpful services for the sick and convalescent in the Regional Hospital. They have three classes of duty at the Regional Hospital: In the wards they visit bed patients, read and talk with them, and give

them recreational help. In the Recreation Room the Grey Ladies play games with convalescent soldiers, write letters for them, meet visiting families. In the library they select books for wards, lend books to soldiers who want them. The Grey Ladies are morale boosters; they were originated at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C. Mrs. F. C. Ward was the originator of the Grey Ladies at Fort Benning in 1941; she was read and talk with them, and give

started this great work for the soldiers here. Grey Ladies wear grey uniforms as designated by their name. The course consists of 15 one-hour lectures, three hours course in games, 2-hour course in art and crafts, 2-hours of ward duty probation, two hours of library. In addition they must have 25 hours work before graduation.

Junior Red Cross Is Organization's Oldest Post Unit

The Junior Red Cross is the oldest Red Cross organization at Fort Benning. It has been active in the Fort Benning Children's School under the direction of Miss Annie Lou Grimes, principal, for years. Before the war the children wrote letters to children of other countries; they make Thanksgiving favors for all soldiers at the Regional Hospital.

This year they filled boxes for children overseas with toys, books, soap, wash cloths, toothpaste, and hard candies. The boxes are donated by the Red Cross, but the children donate everything necessary to fill them.

Under the direction of Mrs. J. D. Rosenberger, Jr., the children at the School are making decorations for Christmas trees and favors to be used at the Regional Hospital for soldiers convalescing there.

Volunteer Workers Care for Sewing Needs of Soldiers
Mrs. J. R. N. Weaver directs the sewing and knitting group of volunteer workers for the Red Cross. At the Red Cross Work Room, yarn with full knitting instructions is given out to be made into sweaters, socks, watch caps, mufflers, post guards caps, all appreciated by soldiers on duty in cold climates. All knitting is done at home, and there is always a need for knitters.

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Red Cross Work Room, the sewing needs of the soldiers are taken care of. Everything from slippers for the soldiers in the Regional Hospital to baby's layettes are turned out by this industrious group. Any army

wife with or without a portable sewing machine is always welcome to assist with the sewing.

RC Motor Corps Aids All Branches Of Mother Chapter

The Red Cross Motor Corps serves all branches of Red Cross; they drive mothers and new babies home from the Regional Hospital as well as convalescent patients, donors to the Blood Bank, they pick up and deliver magazines and books to the day rooms and service clubs.

To be a member of the Motor Corps, they have completed a 20-hour first aid course, a 10-hour advanced first aid, and an eight-hour motor mechanics course; then they are entitled to wear the blue-grey uniform and overseas caps. Motor Corps epaulettes are green.

Mrs. W. L. Starnes, assisted by four lieutenants, is the captain in

Nurses Aides Are Filling Vital Need In Helping Sick

Nurses Aides are the newest of Red Cross Activities at Fort Benning, organized this year under the direction of Mrs. A. T. Knight. Mrs. D. H. Hale is their able assistant at this time. They are filling an important gap to fill in the shortage of nurses. Their duties are bed making, giving baths, aid in admitting and discharging patients, help with trays. They are indispensable at the Blood Bank, and are rendering a great service at the Regional Hospital here.

Assistance Corps Of Red Cross Has Doubled Activities

Under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Meyer, the Red Cross Staff Assistance Corps has doubled its activities at Fort Benning in 1944. They man the information desk at the Red Cross Administration Building all day and evenings; they man the desk at the Red Cross Work Room is their responsibility as well as the filling of forms at the Blood Bank. They assumed the responsibility of manning booths for the War Fund Drive last year, assisted by volunteers from all groups on the Post.

The Staff Assistance Course delves into the history of Red Cross, its origin, organization, administration, as well as the duties of all volunteer services, nursing service, medical and health service, and disaster relief that they may have an answer for all questions, be it which bus to take to the hospital or how to find a field director. The assistant's blue uniform has yellow epaulettes.

Bandage Rollers Supply One-Third Muscogee's Quota

The Red Cross Surgical Dressing room was started at Fort Benning in the summer of 1940 under the direction of Mrs. Scarborough, when Mary Hobson, daughter of Brig. Gen. W. H. Hobson, went to Atlanta for a five-day training period of instruction in rolling bandages.

Meanwhile Mrs. Hobson, Mrs. C. Hodges and Mrs. Gerow prepared the Solo Hunt Club, supplying it with tables, materials from the Muscogee County Chapter to roll bandages. All heads of organizations were taught the approved methods of Red Cross bandages by Mrs. Scarborough and Miss Hobson. At that time all bandages were made for the British Army. This was the beginning of Red Cross Volunteer work at Fort Benning.

In 1941 the Fort Benning Auxiliary was formed under the capable direction of Mrs. Walter Fulton. As an auxiliary, the Fort Benning unit makes one-third of the quota for the Muscogee County Chapter, and all bandages since Pearl Harbor are being used for our boys.

The Red Cross Work Room, where all bandages are made, is located on the corner of Vibbert and Gillespie avenues. Five mornings a week, Monday through Friday, the Room is a busy place with some groups working on full morning a week, while other women drop in for an hour or two, all to help fill the need of surgical dressings for combat forces. 80 percent of which are made by volunteer workers.

Workers wear cotton dresses and a cotton cover for their heads; they are under the directions of supervisors who inspect all dressings made, and pack a specified number for each type of bandage for sterilization. In order to wear the blue uniform, with navy blue epaulettes denoting production department, a worker must have 100 hours to her credit. Mrs. William Denton is chairman of this efficient group.

A soldier regained consciousness in the hospital and found himself swathed in bandages. Nearby sat his buddy. "What happened?" the patient asked. "Well, remember that party we were having on pay day night? You were laying 10 to 1 that you could jump out the second-floor window, fly around the building, and fly back into the window again."

"Omgawd, why didn't you stop me?" "Stop you? I had 10 bucks on you!"

CG Thanks Post Personnel For Record War Fund Gift

The magnificent contribution of the people of Fort Benning, military and civilian, in the recent National War Fund campaign is rightfully a source of pride and gratification to all concerned.

Whereas the Post set out to raise a quota of \$38,000.00 the final record shows that a total of \$52,225.95 was donated in support of the many worthy welfare agencies which are maintained for the benefit of service personnel at home and abroad, and also for the relief of suffering humanity throughout the world.

As Your Post Commander, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the various units of this large and complex post for the admirable record which we have been able to achieve by a generous and cooperative spirit for which Fort Benning is so famous.

Wm. H. HOBSON, Brigadier General, U. S. A., Commanding.

Post Farm Produce Cuts Into Vegetable Shortage

Last spring supervisors of the Post farm-garden made an outlay of \$29 for seed and fertilizer; their efforts were rewarded by a return of produce valued in excess of \$400.

The farm-garden is cultivated by Headquarters Detachment, Second 2, Station Complement, under the direct supervision of Major James A. Mitchell, commanding officer of the detachment, and Lt. Col. Clarence A. Will, former post director of training, now on terminal leave preparatory to returning in January.

"The dividend paid, however, cannot have its value expressed in dollars and cents," Colonel Will said. "The dividends must be measured in terms of the satisfaction given the soldier farmers in contributing towards lessening the food shortage and to the gastronomical pleasures provided the company mess by fresh green beans, lima beans, tomatoes, sweet corn, okra, summer squash, peppers, green onions, turnips, collards, cantaloupes, luscious water-melons, honey-dew melons, cabbage and cucumbers, to mention some of the yield."

Even the shakiness of the detachment benefited from the farm. The married men of the outfit took their just share of the produce home to their wives in town, and there was enough left over to make it possible for baskets of vegetables to be sent to other company messes.

The labor of preparing the ground and cultivating and planting the garden was supplied by members of the detachment, supervised by Major Mitchell and Colonel Will. The chief gardeners were Sgt. William Frazier and Sgt. Arthur McRay.

The garden, located in the vicinity of the post incinerator, west of the Infantry School stable, has been planted with hardier winter vegetables, and the sweet potato patch was dug up in late October with a yield of large, tasty sweet potatoes for the company mess.

the Napoleonic Highway near Cannes. They cut railroad and highway bridges over the Durance River, and were even so bold about their work as to report by radio to Allied Headquarters each day.

The formation of an entire airborne army was the ultimate in heroism. Starting with a furious attack of The Netherlands, General L. H. Brereton was placed in command of an entire army which could be supplied and transported by air, entirely sufficient within itself for an invasion operation. In the broad daylight of September 17, 1944, Brereton's 1st Airborne Army which included troops trained at The Parachute School, jumped from the skies over Holland in so sudden a move that the Luftwaffe was caught off-guard and offered no resistance. Arnhem, Tilburg, Eindhoven, Nijmegen—the entire Rhine delta, only six miles from Germany itself, were soon packed with troopers and airborne troops of the 1st Airborne Army in a move which dwarfed the German airborne invasion of Crete and Allied airborne operations in Burma.

And once more, daring troopers garnered the headlines by their heroism. Striking with a furious suddenness, they dashed across the Rhine River and tore loose the wires with which retreating Germans had mined the Nijmegen Bridge, enabling the Second Army's armored columns to advance toward Arnhem in an attempt to save beleaguered British troopers at the Arnhem bridge.

As the war accelerated in tempo, dates between paratrooper actions became closer and closer. In the attacks that follow, more and more paratroopers, more and more men trained at The Parachute School at Fort Benning will play important roles in the war all over the world.

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Infantry School Automotive Section Stresses Preventive Maintenance

The Automotive Section of the Infantry School presents three courses: the Officers Motor Course, designed to produce qualified motor and maintenance officers for Infantry units; the Enlisted Motor Course, designed to produce skilled mechanics, who will be capable of performing and servicing second echelon maintenance and the operation of all types of motor vehicles organic in the Infantry Regiment; and the Odograph Course, designed to train teams in the operation and maintenance of the distance recording odograph (land).

The Automotive Section has its origin in 1920 when the first Tank School was organized at Fort Meade, Maryland. In 1929, this school was moved from Fort Meade to Fort Benning, Georgia, and became the Tank School. The Infantry School was organized in 1940 and the Tank School was divided into the Automotive Section. All equipment pertaining to tanks and units, including personnel, buildings, and personnel, were moved to Fort Benning. The Automotive Section was reformed in 1940 as the Tank School.

TWELVE CLASSES
At the present time, instruction is carried on in twelve classes, which are of three types: (1) classes, and nine of which are enlisted classes. All of these classes are of three weeks' duration. The Automotive Section also presents eight hours of instruction to students of the following courses: the Officers Motor Course, the Enlisted Motor Course, and the Odograph Course.

The Automotive Section also operates the Academic Department, where all Academic Department vehicles are maintained and dispatched daily.

The staff of the section includes the following personnel: 39 officers-instructors, 6 warrant officers-instructors, 10 assistant instructors (including 4 WACs who act as clerks), and 24 civilians—clerks, stenographers, janitors, etc.

INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS
During all instruction, visual aids, such as cutaway models, assemblies, and units, are used constantly. Enlarged plywood working models are built in the section's shops, and wall charts are made by enlisted men. The section also has a collection of models of various types of engines, and a collection of models of various types of engines.

The training aids used in the Automotive Section of the Infantry School were considered so outstanding by representatives of the United States Army that complete data and photographs were requested with a view to utilizing this type of training aid in civilian schools throughout the country.

Wherever practicable, the daily progress of each student is served by means of homework papers, which are corrected and returned to the student to serve as a basis for review. The instruction is followed by a practical work graded test. These graded tests are designed to test the student's knowledge of the thoroughness of teaching methods.

ALTERNATIVE STAFF
The Automotive Section is divided into a headquarters and four committees. The Chief of Section, Colonel Leo A. Bessette, who formerly commanded the 4th Armored Division and later the 2d Armored Group, also acts as advisor to the Assistant Commandant on matters concerning motor vehicle maintenance and operation. Colonel Bessette is assisted by a staff of three officers: a secretary (Captain E. L. Watson), who is responsible for the administrative details of the section; a plans and training officer (Captain A. Joel Warren), who is responsible for the supply and maintenance of the section; and a police officer and fire marshal.

A clerical force of four civilians and seven enlisted men, three of whom are WACs, functions at headquarters. The four committees of the section are: General Committee, Engine Committee, Chassis Committee, and Operations Committee.

Instruction is coordinated by the committees with the units in the field by having the instructors attend maneuvers and other automotive schools and from combat reports on the operation of motor vehicles in the combat zone. A large number of officers and enlisted instructors are now in the Automotive Section who have had practical experience operating motor vehicles in various theaters of operation.

The Automotive Section in keeping abreast with modern developments as a result of combat experience.

GENERAL GROUP
Capt. Monte L. Osborne is Chief of the General Committee, and is assisted by four other officers and enlisted men. The committee is responsible for the presentation of motor maintenance instruction to all classes of The Infantry School other than the officers and enlisted motor courses. The officers of this committee are responsible for continuous research in the field of Army motor maintenance and passing this information on to the other members of the section. This committee also presents a 10-day course in the operation and maintenance of the recording odograph (land) to teams composed of one officer and one enlisted man for organizations at various camps throughout the United States.

The students of the Officers and Enlisted Motor Courses receive instruction in the operation and maintenance of the recording odograph (land) to teams composed of one officer and one enlisted man for organizations at various camps throughout the United States.

CHASSIS COMMITTEE
Major Ernest S. Rambo, formerly on the staff of General Walker with the 35th Division, is Chief of the Chassis Committee. The scope of instruction in this committee includes all parts of a motor vehicle excepting the engine and accessories. Here the students have an opportunity to study in detail each of approximately sixteen major units that constitute a chassis assembly.

The conference periods which occupy one-third of the total time are illustrated by conferences and demonstrations, supplemented by group discussions, their primary purpose being to outline to the students the function of each assembly, its general operating principles, its maintenance requirements, troubles likely to occur, and the causes and remedies to which it is subjected.

USE GROUP SYSTEM
For practical work the class is divided into groups of approximately five students. Each group, under the guidance of an assistant instructor, disassembles and rebuilds a unit in order to learn its construction, adjustment, specific maintenance requirements and detailed operation.

The first week presents in logical sequence of study the different units of the power train of the vehicle including clutches, transmission, drive shaft, propeller shaft, universal joints, springs and shock absorbers.

The second week's instruction includes axle, suspension, steering, general and hydraulic, hydrovac and vacuum; wheels; wheel alignment; and lubrication.

LEARN FIRE PRESSURE
The third week includes a study of wheels, tires, and tires. The instructors in the course in three have been specially trained at the factory in the proper care and maintenance of both natural and synthetic rubber tires and tubes. The students learn the effect of incorrect inflation, unbalance, and misalignment. From wheel alignment, the students learn the effect of steering gears, followed by 1000- and 6000-mile maintenance services on chassis units, and is concluded with the air compressor instruction in oxyacetylene welding.

Throughout these three weeks of instruction, particular emphasis is placed upon first and second echelon maintenance problems as viewed from the standpoint of combat conditions and much of the actual instruction material is based upon the technical reports from maneuver areas and combat zones.

The final five weeks of instruction spent in the Operations Committee where Lt. Colonel George I. Cambre serves as Chief of Committee. Instruction is given in the proper use of the material studied in the Engine and Chassis Committees. Here the students actually perform 1000-mile maintenance services on the post, using equipment, and spare parts which are regularly supplied to an Infantry Regiment in the field.

The first week in the Operations Committee, the students perform 1000-mile maintenance services on the 1-4-ton vehicle (Jeep).

The second week is devoted to 6000-mile maintenance services on GMC vehicles. For officers, this week of instruction is devoted primarily to the study of the operation of a motor vehicle to include spot checking of repair and maintenance procedures and techniques used throughout Fort Benning. During the week the officers' classes actually visit the shops of the operating installations of other organizations on the post.

The fourth week is devoted to driver maintenance training for both officers and enlisted courses. During this week they not only learn how to properly operate a vehicle, but also the duties of a first echelon mechanic. Some of the other subjects presented during the week are: reading, forms, records, and reports.

The fifth week of the Operations Committee is devoted to a study of the operation of motor vehicles in the field. The forms as a regiment on the march, operates convoys into a bivouac area where they perform 1000- and 6000-mile maintenance services on the vehicles of the convoy under field conditions. During the period of the march an instructor is to contact the convoy both on the road and in the bivouac area. Instruction in motor marches is concluded with the march and bivouac under blackout conditions.

Sunday Services
Only Small Part Of Chaplain's Job

The Chaplains of the 3d Infantry do not only attend to the actual church activities and religious needs of the men of the regiment, but they also look to the spiritual needs of the men and of their loved ones. There is a line in our National Anthem that expresses one of the highest aims of the Chaplains, "Thus be between their loved ones and the war's desolation." Some of the worst tragedies of the war are in the homes of America, and the Chaplains are often standing between the wellbeing of a home and the tragedy of the war.

Assisting men in every imaginable problem, helping their wives and families to come to the camp or to Columbus, acting as a special pleader for men who become involved in difficulties, and in ministering to the men of the unit in religious affairs, the Chaplains are continually giving the men of the army the personal assistance needed to hold their lives in harmony.

Normal religious services are conducted every Sunday with Catholic, Mass and Protestant worship services, and Jewish services held by a Jewish Chaplain on Friday evenings. Religious groups are ministered to by an evangelist with ministers of their particular group. Midweek groups, discussion groups and daily Masses are held with one of the religious officials this spring.

'First-Last Serving' Describes Job Of Post Transportation Office

Upon entering the Post Transportation Office one is greeted by a Transportation Corps platoon bearing the inscription "First-Last Serving," which aptly describes the functions of the Post Transportation Office. Major John R. Pearson, who is assisted by Captain William G. Gaff, 1st Lt. William W. Dickman and a competent corps of enlisted and civilian workers.

Mr. Oscar Nance, a veteran of years' service in transportation work at Fort Benning and three years at Fort Jackson, is civilian administrative assistant and chief clerk to the Transportation Officer.

First to greet arriving troops and last to speed departing troops is the Transportation Officer or one of his assistants. First sought by newly arrived individuals as means of information regarding arrival of baggage and last sought by the same individuals upon departure for means of compliance with orders. First to receive incoming shipments and last to see the outgoing shipments are the men in the Post Transportation Office, including pulman-car reservations where necessary for individuals and arrangements for special transportation.

KEEPING THINGS MOVING
The Post Transportation Office, under administrative direction of Major Pearson, operates a passenger, freight and express, packing and receiving and shipping section, a packing and crating activity, and standard gauge and centimeter railroad. The office also operates a crane, with a competent crew, is also provided for the unloading of coal, sand and gravel and the lifting of exceptionally heavy articles. A personnel ceiling of 3 officers, 12 enlisted men and 127 civilians has been established for this activity.

The Passenger Section, under the direction of Lt. William G. Gaff, employs five civilians engaged in the issuance of transportation requests and Army meal tickets, the reservation of pulman-car accommodations and the making of necessary arrangements for special-car or special-train movements. An average of 45,000 transportation requests are received annually. Army meal tickets are issued annually.

The Freight Section, under the direction of Captain William G. Gaff, employs 27 civilians engaged in the receipt and shipment of freight and express, including the issuance of bills of lading covering outgoing shipments, the accomplishment of bills of lading covering incoming shipments, the maintenance of proper car and demurrage records, the unloading and delivery of less-than-carload freight and express, the loading of outgoing less-than-carload shipments of freight and express, the preparation of kitchen cars for troop movements, including construction of ice boxes, tables, and cleaning cars, the preparation and maintenance of baggage and blocking materials and a myriad of other duties too numerous to detail.

An average of 10,000 carloads and 20,000 individual less-than-carload shipments of freight and express shipments are received annually. Approximately 2,500 carloads and 5,000 less-than-carload shipments are forwarded during the same period. Henry G. Sullivan, former command agent of the Eastern Steamship Lines, is principal clerk of this activity. The packing and crating activity, employing approximately 60 civilians, also functions under Captain Gaff. All outgoing freight and express shipments of personal property are processed for proper packing, marking and weighing at this activity. All incoming freight and express shipments of personal property are received and distributed through this activity.

Colored WACs Perform Many Tasks in RC
After 14 months at Fort Benning, members of the Wac Detachment, Station Complement, Section 2, are carrying on in the Colored Detachment of the Women's Army Corps.

These servicewomen are filling essential positions in many organizations of the post. Twenty-six of the detachment are assigned to the Reception Center. They are distributed as follows: mail room and locker file, 13; Quartermasters, 8; Headquarters, 5; dispensaries, 23; classification section, 4; records section, 10; and Special Service Office, 1.

Members of the Detachment are also assigned to the Station Hospital as laboratory technicians, orderlies, dental assistants, medical, and X-ray technicians. Some members of the contingent perform special duties as sales clerks, minimizers, and beauty culturists, while others are doing important and necessary duties in their own company area.

One member of the contingent serves as assistant to the Librarian at Library No. 4.

The Detachment was activated in September, 1943, at which time 25 Wacs were transferred to Fort Benning from the First Wac Training Center at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Since then the strength of the Detachment has increased to present strength of 145 members.

First Lt. Corrie S. Sheard of Atlanta, Ga., the commanding officer of the Wac Detachment, Lt. Sheard succeeded 2nd Lt. Lucille V. Moya, first commanding officer. The present commanding officer, Lt. Sheard, was formerly assigned as head of the Wacs at Fort McClellan. She was a member of the first class of officers' designees to graduate from the First Wac Training Center, Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

Other commissioned officers of the Wac Detachment are 2nd Lt. Patricia S. Gunter, executive officer, Nashville, Tenn. 2nd Lt. Mildred Corbett, assistant postal officer in the Reception Center, Tulsa, Okla.; and 2nd Lt. Ella Clayton of the Reception Center, Dispensaries, Miami, Fla. Lt. Corbett, who is also in charge of the Reception Center, was recently accepted as a student in the advance officers course at the Adjutant General's School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Upon completion of her course at TAG, she will return to her former position in the Reception Center.

EXTRA DUTIES
In addition to their various duties on the post, the Wacs also participate in many extra-curricular activities. They have organized their own way of life at Fort Benning. Each Friday the detachment has an Orientation hour at which time outstanding personnel are presented to the group. Several members of the detachment are members of the Reception Center Table Tennis Club and the Library Book Club.

High-ranking military officers have included the Wac Detachment Area on their tours of Fort Benning. Benning units and evaluated the services of the women as being noteworthy. Secretary of War Stimson spent several minutes in conference with one of the Wac officials this spring.

3d Infantry Has Served Our Nation For 160 Years

One hundred and sixty years of service to the nation, service in war, in peace, on domestic duty and foreign soil, is the proud record of the 3d United States Infantry Regiment.

Today the "Old Guard," the first unit to land on foreign soil in the present conflict, has its place in the School "Troops Brigade of The Infantry School."

Older than the constitution it is, the 3d Infantry has borne on its rolls the names of men who fought with Washington at Valley Forge and Yorktown. It has furnished the nation with a president, many statesmen of renown, and soldier of note.

BECOMES 3D IN 1815
The Third traces its descent from the Pennsylvania Regiment of Infantry, organized under the authority of "Resolves" of the Continental Congress of 1784. However, it was not until 1815 that it finally became known as the 3d Infantry.

Following an important role in the War of 1812, the regiment stationed at various points throughout the country with a record of arduous service in the Creek and Seminole Wars.

Then 1847, the war with Mexico, in which the 3d was not exceeded in brilliance and valiant action by any other regiment. It was there that the regiment won its right to be the only Regiment in the Army to march with fixed bayonets in review during peacetime. It was there that the 3d made one of the gallant charges in the annals of our Army, and while marching victorious into Mexico City, the regiment was the only one to remove its hat and turning to the members of its staff said: "Gentlemen, take off your hats to the United States Army."

At Bull Run, in 1861, the Regiment participated in the first battle of Bull Run, where, according to General McDowell, "by its gallant conduct and perfect order in covering the flight of the panic-stricken army, saved the Union."

Following the Civil War came the battles in Kansas against the Indian tribes, then back to Pennsylvania to suppress riots against the civil government. Ten more years of Indian warfare on the Colorado frontier, and then back to years of comparative quiet at its home station, Fort Snelling, Minn.

The year 1898, and the 3d was ordered to Cuba, where it took part in every important engagement in our war with Spain. Back to Snelling, and late that year out to battle with an old foe, the Philippine Insurrection. The 3d defeated the Indians in the last battle to be fought in the United States.

Scarcely back from the last of the Indian Wars when the Regiment sailed for the Orient, where its courageous action in the "Philippine Insurrection" won further laurels for the Regiment.

Back to the States, then to Alaska, back to the Philippines, then back to the States again, covers the journeyings of the Regiment up to the First World War.

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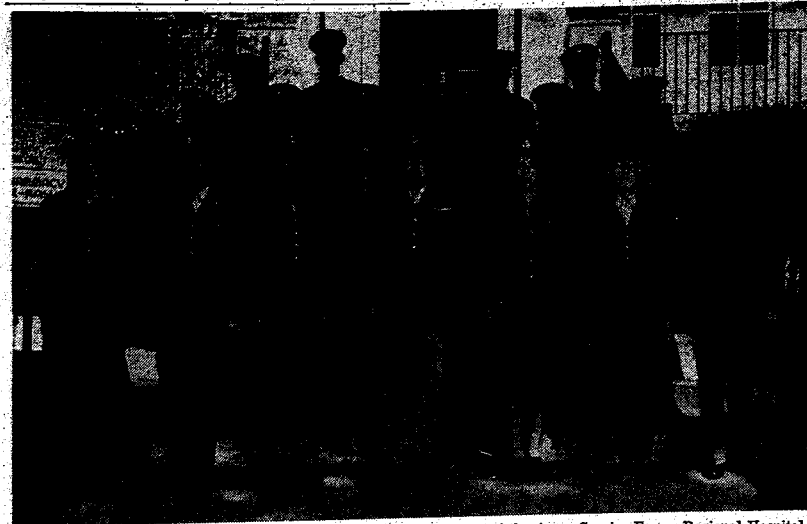
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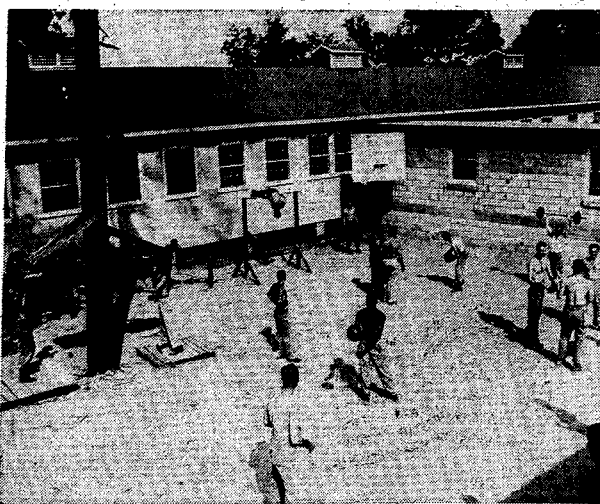
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THE STAFF OF COL. CHAUNCEY E. DOVELL, commanding officer of the Army Service Forces Regional Hospital at Fort Benning, is shown in the above photo. They direct the work of the hundreds of medical officers, enlisted men and women, and nurses in the institution which was recently designated as a regional hospital. The heads of the various services are as follows: Front row (left to right) Lt. Col. Eleazar R. Bowie, Chief of X-Ray Service; Lt. Col. Clifford C. Woods, Chief of Surgical Service; Colonel William L. Starnes, Assistant Commanding Officer; Colonel Dovell, Commanding Officer; Lt. Col. Alta Berninger, Assistant Superintendent of Nurses; Lt. Col. Henry F. Buettner, Chief of Laboratory Service; Major William Benenson, Chief of Medical Service. Second row: Captain Lewis E. Martin, Registrar; Major Fred J. Duncan, Medical Supply Officer; Major Delphia F. Fisher, Jr., Custodian of Hospital Fund; Major John B. Joyner, Commanding Officer, Medical Detachments; Major Benjamin Rubin, Chief of Dental Service; Captain Willie A. Ruff, Adjutant. Back row: 1st Lt. F. Nedopad, Personnel Adjutant; 1st Lt. Edward W. Bernatowicz, Hospital Inspector; Captain Thomas F. Henley, Director of Dietetics; 1st Lt. Paul T. Mears, Transportation and Utilities Officer, and 1st Lt. Leo H. Ley, Jr., Assistant Adjutant. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo by Cpl. Tony Carrington.)



SGT. JOHN KREIN gives calisthenics to bed patients at the Fort Benning ASF Regional Hospital, as part of the Reconditioning Program, under which every patient benefits. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)



TRAINEES IN THE ADVANCED CLASS of the ASF Reconditioning Program at Fort Benning are shown indulging in outdoor conditioning at Unit No. 2 Hospital in the Harmony Church area. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Local Reconditioning Program Has Returned 3,000 Wounded To Duty

More than 3,000 soldiers who were wounded overseas or injured in the stress of training, have been returned to duty after having gone through the ASF Regional Hospital Reconditioning unit in Harmony Church, since the unit was re-opened August 31.

The reconditioning program was first started at the Regional Hospital on the Main Post but, successful beyond expectations, soon was forced to seek more room. As a result, the hospital unit 2, with its spacious buildings and 65 acres of grounds, was re-opened.

The program calls for careful examination of the men, and a course of reconditioning charted out to fit each individual injury. Many of those sent to the hospital have returned, ready to be on.

efficient, able bodied soldiers the minute they return to their outfits. The remainder, no longer able to carry on the all around routine necessary for combat troops, have been filtered into the different channels that the Army provides for these soldiers.

SAMPLE DAY

The routine, as established provides for an intimate study of each individual case. Men are up at 6 a. m. for reveille, and after breakfast, comes calisthenics and exercises, rub downs or massages, hikes and cross country runs—all according to the individual case, of course. After a rest period at 11 a. m., comes mess and at 1 p. m. a program of recreations and games is in order for the afternoon.

Calisthenics fall into two different classes. These run from mildly strenuous hand-strengthening movements, using gymnasium equipment mostly built by the patients themselves, to the strenuous exercises used at the Infantry School.

Recreation is highly stressed with entertainment programs going on early every evening. Ted-Norbert Facon, concert violinist, is NCO in charge of the Special Service office, and when he isn't showing movies, staging shows, running tournaments, he can take up his own bow and play his fiddle to give the men entertainment.

BEST FOOD IN ARMY

Good food also is highly stressed, and many a trainee at the

Merrill Marauder To Talk To Woman's Club Study Group

Major Louis James Williams, who saw considerable service with Merrill's famed Marauders in Burma and India, will address the Current Events Group of The Woman's Club of Fort Benning next Monday at 2:30 p. m. in the Woman's Lounge of The Officers Club.

Major Williams, a resident of Oelrichs, South Dakota, was commissioned a second lieutenant after completing his R. O. T. C. training at Creighton University. He was first assigned to the 41st Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington, and served with this Division in New Guinea as commanding officer of a rifle company.

After serving with the 41st Division from December 1941 to September 1943, he volunteered and was accepted for service with Merrill's Marauders. Major Williams saw much action with the Marauders in Burma and India, where he served as S-2, S-3 and as an executive officer. He wears a Presidential Unit Citation which was awarded to the Marauders. At the present time, he is assigned to the Communications Section of the Infantry School.

hospital has called it "the best food in the whole darned army." Technical Sergeant Taylor is in charge of the patients' mess. He stresses plenty of fresh vegetables, fruits and puts a great deal of emphasis on desserts.

When the trainee is ready to be released, he passes a series of physical performance tests which are carefully drawn up to expose any deficiencies which might not have been "repaired" in the course of treatment. The man is then "profiler"—that is, he is interviewed and given a final medical check-up. If he can pass all the tests, he is returned to his unit, ready for combat or for strenuous training. Those who are not physically qualified for combat, are screened into the various channels to put them into jobs for which they are qualified.

Capt. R. L. Webster has been commanding officer of trainees since the hospital unit was re-opened and given a new assignment. First Lieutenant F. Kennedy has recently taken over duties of Medical Officer. First Lieutenant Al Forwall is in charge of the physical program, which takes in everything from corrective exercises to strenuous athletic games.

Outdoors Work Keeps Average Post G. I. Healthy, Hospital Officials Say

Fort Benning has a good bill of health, its hospitalization average being far below the Army normal of four per cent.

This record is attributed to the mild Georgia climate, plus the fact that most training activities are outdoors. To this can be added excellent medical attention and care under the supervision of Colonel William Denton, Post Surgeon and Senior Medical Officer. Under his command are numerous dispensaries, both medical and dental, and the ASF Regional Hospital which is commanded by Colonel Chauncey E. Dovell, and Hospital Unit No. 2 located in the Harmony Church area, also under the same command, which houses the patients who are being treated under the Reconditioning program. All dental activities are headed by Colonel Melville Sanderson, Post Dental Surgeon, and all veterinary work, including food inspection and operating the veterinary hospital, is supervised by Colonel Samuel G. Keilmeyer, post veterinarian.

SEASONAL FACTOR

Of these units, the largest by far is the Regional Hospital, where all of the hospitalization and most of the care of sick is coordinated. Daily admissions have been heavy, especially since the hospital was designated as a Regional Hospital, but the admission rate is influenced by the seasons. During the winter months the incidence of upper respiratory infection is high, necessitating an increase in hospitalizations.

Hospitalization averages ten days per case. This may seem high when compared to civilian hospitals, but as Colonel Dovell points out, in the Army a man must be

ten by "Sgt. Quiz" with the purpose in mind of provoking a discussion, are asked, and the first man who raises his hand is called upon. If he fails, others have the opportunity to answer. The prize is a package of cigarettes for each correct reply. No man is called upon more than once, so that an equitable distribution of the 20 packages may be effected.

The better prize, however, is the educational value of this program. "Sgt. Quiz" repeats each answer and enlarges upon it, bringing in every possible phase of the subject covered by each question. The sergeant offers a pack of cigarettes to each man who will ask him a question which he cannot answer. That becomes the most interesting part of the quiz, because every man tries to "stump" the sergeant. Sgt. Andrew Pournaras, the original "Sergeant Quiz" of the Reconditioning Service, is still conducting this popular activity every Thursday at the Main Hospital, and he repeats the same program on Fridays at Unit No. 2 Hospital, Harmony Church area.

USAFI COURSES

Somehow or other, they'll get you to use your head in this live-

ly "bed regiment." They have on active duty, a former insurance salesman—and you know how persistent they are—who will sell you a correspondence course even though you think you are dying of fever. Only last month, Capt. Gibian, the hospital's "pitchman," sold 182 USAFI courses. The sale of these self-teaching and correspondence courses of the United States Armed Service Forces Institute was varied, with mathematics and clerical courses in the lead. It is gratifying to know that soldiers use their spare time during convalescence to study and learn subjects of interest and vocational value.

All of the educational activities of the Main Hospital under the supervision of Lt. Edward E. Hedgecock, are doing wonders to increase the interest of the men in the Hospital's Reconditioning Service. This service, headed by Capt. John S. Klinger, M. C., offers its benefits to nearly 3,000 patients weekly.

Despite the hardships of front-line activity, a cavalry reconnaissance platoon with an infantry division in France continually had its radios inspected at least twice a week by repair men. This preventive maintenance was a key to good scouting and patrolling.

A warning to take care of tentage comes from the Maintenance Division, ASF, which reports that item a critical one due to so many troops overseas needing a hurried, temporary shelter.

G. I. Convalescents Have Plenty of Fun

They may have had pneumonia, an operation or a broken limb, but they don't let that stand in their way when the time comes for mass games at the Regional Hospital. The convalescent patients are having a lot of fun these days, since the Reconditioning Service has introduced so many interesting recreational and sports activities.

It is entertaining to watch them play games with one arm in a slight limp. After all, how can a GI remember an ulcer or a headache when he is participating in a championship game?

The physical reconditioning staff, headed by Lt. Thomas W. Eaton with Sergeants Maynard, Krein, Everett and Gilbert, has recently organized an intra-mural tournament in volleyball between sections of the hospital. At the court across from the War Orientation Room (E-2) every afternoon, you will find the patients divided, each one cheering for his own team. Every section's team belongs to either the National or the American League. Each league is playing a round robin schedule to determine the winner of the two leagues will meet in a championship play-off of five games to determine the first place. The team winning three out of five will be the hospital champion in volleyball. The tournament play is confined to advanced class 3 patients.

TOURNAMENTS POPULAR

This tournament thus far has proven a tremendous success. The men seem very enthusiastic about their players, and the success of their team. The physical reconditioning staff is planning to sponsor various other tournaments upon completion of the present one. Badminton, basketball, golf, table tennis and billiards, are some of the tournaments presently in mind. There will be some form of award given at the close of each tournament.

Awards are also in order at the most stimulating activity of the Educational Program of the hospital—the weekly current events quiz. Here you are not supposed to sweat for them—you think. The men, assemble at the Red Cross Hall, where "Sgt. Quiz" takes over for that period. The "quiz" is used in order that all of the 400 men in the hall may be reached. The questions will

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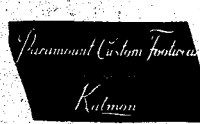
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Chronology Reveals Ebb And Flow of Events Here

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Another year in Fort Benning's colorful and eventful history—another year of changes, growth, the training of many thousands of troops many of whom now are in the thick of battle on the wide flung world battle fronts. All that has happened during this year has been chronicled in the issues of THE BAYONET and here, in brief form, is a resume of the most important events that have occurred during this year.

NOVEMBER 1942
17th Infantry captures grid crown, defeating 300th Infantry. Col. Ridgely Gaither, commander of the Parachute School, becomes brigadier general. 25th Infantry comes from Puerto Rico to join The Infantry School.

Reception Center football team walks over all colored opposition. Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel, commander of The Infantry School, presides at the annual Order of the Bath by British Government.

Brian Aherne visits post. General Allen, nationally known radio announcer, comes to The Infantry School. His melodious (no pun intended—much) voice will be heard on local radio programs through the year.

Italian Prisoners of War organize orchestra. When Italian prisoners leave, they are to go to New York intact.

Fort Benning pays homage to 5,000 civilian employees, with presentation of emblem at program in Doughboy Stadium.

Transport plane crashes; three passengers escape. Second Lt. Milton Honemann, instructor in Communications Division, The Parachute School, set record for height in a static line jump, 10,000 feet.

Maj. Edward B. Beale named Judge Advocate of The Infantry School. 131st Infantry inherits Adm. Laanaga, alligator mascot of 124th "Alligator" regiment, but nobody knows what has become of the alligator after 131st left.

BAYONET begins series of "The Belles of Fort Benning," pictures of Benning beauties.

Announcement made of big prizes offered by Columbus merchants for first G. I. baby born in 1944, at Station Hospital.

Ray S. Miller, civilian ordnance shop foreman, demonstrates invention he designed to launch grenades from Garand rifle.

Annual calendar for 1944. New cafeteria installed at Officers' mess.

Ten representatives of parachute manufacturing industry send their products in action at The Parachute School.

Campaign gets underway for saving food on post, with supervisors appointed for messes, under direction of Lt. Col. Alexander H. Vezzey.

Major John R. Pearson appointed train transportation officer. Lt. Col. Harvey J. Jablonsky, famous West Point athlete, appointed director of specialist training at The Parachute School.

300th Infantry observes first birthday. Fort Benning sets blood plasma record—something that has grown into a habit since.

Public Relations office stages eight full hours of broadcasting from post on Christmas Day, most ambitious program ever attempted by an Army post. Big pre-Christmas program also presented on December 23 at Main Theater.

Italian POWs publish own paper in Italy.

The neglected Shrine of St. Hubert is rediscovered and re-dedicated.

Central interviewing unit established in Civilian Personnel branch to handle applications for jobs.

Col. Frank M. Thompson, chief chaplain, retires at year's end. "Infantry School Service Commemorative" drops last two words, becomes simply "The Infantry School."

Col. Harold G. Sydenham leaves the six years with the Infantry School at headquarters of The Infantry School.

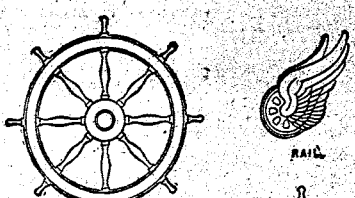
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WORLD-WIDE ARMY EMBLEM—Shown above is one of the most widely-travelled insignia of the United States Army. It is the emblem of the newest of the Army's seven technical services—the Transportation Corps, organized in July, 1942.

The winged car wheel, charged on the shield of the familiar U. S. highway marker, all within an eight-spoked ship's wheel, denote the coordination of rail, highway and water transportation under the direction of the Army.

Major General Charles P. Gross, chief of the Corps, is, in fact, traffic manager of the War Department and his organization handles all Army transportation. That is why the Corps insignia is no stranger to the shifting Persian and African deserts, the snow-capped Elbrus mountains, the ice-packed Klondike and Yukon, the deserted "back country" of Australia, the tropical isles of the Southwest Pacific, industrialized Britain, the jungles of Burma and the almost inaccessible provinces of ancient China.

The ship's wheel identifies the Corps as the operator of a great transport and cargo fleet, sometimes called the "Army's navy." The shield is representative of the Federal highway marker indicating the Corps' supervision of movement of troops and material in this country by motor carriers and actual operation of all highway transportation for the Army in the several theaters of combat.

The winged car wheel represents the famed Military Railway Service which today has troops—most of them European—Railroad men—on five continents. These troops—the Railway Operating Battalions, the Railway Shop Battalions, etc.—are supplying the Fifth Army and the Eighth Army in Italy. The successful Russian offensive has been made possible, in a great part, by movement through Iran by the Military Railway Service of the vast amount of military and lend-lease supplies from the United States.

Three years connected with Publications Section of The Infantry School and director of Boys Activities on post, leaves for new assignment.

Parachute School adds to its former function of qualifying men as parachutists, that of preparing men for combat, as Second Parachute Training Regiment formation is announced. Lt. Col. Charles W. Rich is in command.

More than 100 food supervisors from various posts in Fourth Service Command attend model food services course.

Lt. Col. Walter H. Erick replaces Col. Ernest A. Rudell as commanding officer of Second Army troops.

The Infantry School announces graduation of 33,535 men since Pearl Harbor.

176th Infantry captures championship The Infantry School basketball league.

Ring tourney opens in post gym. Military personnel give 731 pints of blood to Red Cross mobile unit.

Four soldiers of 176th Infantry Regiment drowned when assault boat overturned in river crossing pond on Chattahoochee. Several "Soldiers' Medals" later awarded for rescue.

Parachute School begins two weekly broadcasts from Service Club 7 over WDAK.

First Lt. Lester L. Reginald, oldest in regular Army, completes movement from Newfoundland via Camp Butler to Ft. Benning.

Starlings is commanding officer.

Military and civilian personnel give more than \$41,000 to Red Cross.

Third Student Training Regiment marks 25th anniversary.

Maj. Samuel A. Lewis appointed Adjutant General of The Parachute School.

Navy trainees officers come to take course at The Infantry School.

Job Methods Training Program instituted, resulting in savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars in maintenance and administration on post.

First of several thousand Coast Artillery officers arrive to take Infantry training.

ASTP Units will be eliminated. It is announced.

MARCH 1944
7th Armored Division celebrates first anniversary on March 1. 131st Infantry Regiment is inactivated.

Under-secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, official party and 27 newspapermen visit post.

Col. William H. Smith assumes command of First Parachute Training Regiment.

Col. William H. Hobson, commanding officer of Fort Benning, nominated by President Roosevelt for promotion to brigadier general.

42d Troop Carrier Squadron, which operated for 20 months in Italian Theater, now based at Lawson Field.

Lt. Col. Virgil Ney, for post

APRIL 1944
Army Day, April 6, observed with work as usual at Fort. For Benning stages tremendous Easter services on Easter, April 8. Huge altar is built in Doughboy Stadium, with living cross of soldiers and WAGs on field. Nine bands, four choirs, take part.

Pontifical High Mass celebrated on Easter Sunday at Main Post Catholic Chapel.

722d Railway Operating Battalion trains on post.

Barbara Ann Reynolds, Cleveland, chosen Sweetheart of Third Infantry, arrives for round of parties, dances and social parade in her honor.

Capt. Samson Aaron Shain, first permanent Jewish chaplain assigned to Ft. Benning, leaves for important assignment.

Col. Chauncey E. Dovel is appointed commanding officer of Fort Benning Station Hospital.

Heart attack and is in station hospital recuperating.

New library is dedicated. General Princes of War arrive to replace Italians at Prisoner of War Camp.

Lt. Col. Victor Lee, veteran of World War I, is named Director of Security and Intelligence Division.

Col. James O. Tarbox, who served with 45th and 9th Divisions in World War I, is named Executive Officer to succeed Col. Edgar.

Col. Carter Collins who served with 8th Division in World War I, appointed chief officer.

Chief William J. Groves named post food supervisor, succeeding Col. Vezzey.

71st Infantry Division, which had trained as the 71st Infantry Division in Rocky Mountains and at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation, comes to Sand-Hill Area to be retrained as a regular infantry division. Major Gen. Robert Sprague, twice decorated during battle for Guadalcanal, is commanding general.

Col. Ernest E. Taboach assumes command of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army.

Academic Regiment celebrates second anniversary.

Brig. Gen. B. O. Davis, of Office of the Inspector General, War Department, only Negro general officer in post.

JUNE 1944
Bayonet runs picture of Technical (now master) Sergeant Angelo Fortico alongside General Patton.

General Patton's purchase of at least \$700,000 in War Bonds to purchase a Landing Craft Infantry. Goal is exceeded by nearly \$800,000 and as Bayonet Edition goes to press, Master Sergeant Otis S. Way is on way to Norfolk to dedicate the LCI.

Army Ground Forces gives 17th Airborne Division, Camp Forrest, Tenn., under supervision of Commandant of The Parachute School at Ft. Benning.

Phone centers opening in Alabama area and in Sand Hill.

Last time accidents among civilian personnel decreased 50% during year.

Staff Sergeant Ravn Spearman, tenor of Reception Center Chorus, goes to Chicago for appearance on national radio.

Carried over Blue Network. Col. Charles M. Crawford, veteran of World War I, recipient of Bronze Star for work in Pacific during present conflict, replaces Col. Myron Leedy as post ordnance officer.

New \$10.00 G. I. War Bond announced.

Second day celebrated by visit of 360 men and women workers as guests of The Infantry School and Parachute School.

First class of U. S. Military Academy at West Point arrives for 10 days training and observation at The Infantry School.

Service Club 6 formally opened.

Post Engineer builds "pusher" to hasten ancient ferry across Chattahoochee. Later a ponton bridge is installed.

Second day of Training Regiment is revived as need grows for additional junior officers.

Col. Wilson McKay Spann, who commands the 1st Basic Training Center until it was inactivated, commands the newly activated Training Regiment.

Maj. General Charles H. Bonesteel, commanding officer of The Infantry School and former commander of United Nations Forces in Iceland, succeeds Lt. Gen. Delos Emery as Western Defense Commander.

Major Paul King Buckles arrives from Camp Rucker, Ala., to assume duties of Acting Chief of Chaplains during illness of Lt. Col. Almeria. Later he is named Chief of Chaplains to succeed Col. Western.

Two rescuers secured for Fort Benning Fire Department.

742nd Light Tank Battalion attached to The Infantry School.

Reception Center Chorus goes to Tuskegee to bond concert.

One hundred and forty-four Georgia industrialists visit The Infantry School for three days.

Chaplain Peter E. Spehr, probably first American to set foot on Munda airfield during battle for New Georgia Islands, appointed assistant post chaplain.

Col. Frank A. Henning, commanding officer of 71st Infantry Division Artillery, is named Brigadier General.

Ft. Benning's Station Hospital is designated ASH Regional Hospital and will serve for all military installations within radius of 75 miles.

Master Sergeant John Magoni, who served at Ft. Benning for last 24 years, cited for Legion of Merit. He is one of the best known non-coms in entire Army.

Georgia Guardsmen take course at Benning.

Military Police Detachments sections I and II are organized.

Post Public Relations Office inaugurates new program "Women at War," every Tuesday from 5 to 5:15 p. m. over WDAK, believed only women's show coming from an Army post.

Central Post Fund takes over post of headquarters funds, Fort Benning Athletic Association fund and other separate funds.

Reception Center baseball field dedicated as George Westcott Field in honor of the first colored inductee to pass through the Center and win the Distinguished Service Cross (posthumously awarded).

Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, former commander of the 36th Division in Italy, is appointed to take over duties as commanding officer of The Infantry School.

New type AGO cards issued to officers.

Fort Benning's "Bond Caravan," plan worked out by Post Public Relations Office, results in huge sales boost to civilian communities. Plan is adopted by Fourth Service Command.

The one-man army, Tec. Sgt. Charles E. "Candy" Walker, of Pittsburgh, becomes member of Company B, Academic Regiment of The Infantry School.

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ceeding Maj. Gen. Robert L. Sprague.

Lt. Lieut. Pauline E. Garber, first woman medical officer, to be assigned to Fort Benning is on duty at Army Services Forces Regional Hospital.

News is received that Maj. Gen. Robert W. Grow, who formerly was in command of Combat Command "A" of 10th Armored Division, now is leading the Sixth Armored Division in action in France.

Post officials join Columbus officials in drive on vice conditions.

Advanced student officers of The Infantry School will benefit from witness demonstrations of tactical use of airborne forces as part of their course, with cooperation of the Parachute School.

Sale of cigarettes limited to G.I. Pts. (Now Corp.) John Timothy Cronin, cigar-chewing news-hound from Worcester, Mass., joins any material ever printed in the Infantry School.

Four civilian employees given cash awards for working out unusual ideas to conserve manpower, eliminate waste, speed production.

Fort Benning military personnel begin series of 25 production stimulation rallies at five different cotton manufacturing mills in nearby communities.

Lt. Col. Albert E. R. Howarth is designated director of fiscal division succeeding Col. John H. McFarland and First Lt. William H. Hord first graduate of The Parachute School to return with Distinguished Service Cross.

Post consolidates publications section.

Group of Peruvian Air Corps officers inspect The Parachute School.

Two Lawson Field officers killed when their BT-13 plane, crashes near Crawford, Ala. They were Lt. Harry Irving Luth, West Orange, N. J., and Lt. William Frederick Angell, Birmingham.

Explosion in underground magazine housing chemical warfare ammunition wrecks dump in Harmony Church area.

AUGUST 1944
Lawson Field holds open house for 37th anniversary of U. S. Army Air Force.

Three members Women's Army Corps Civilian Advisory Committee, accompanied by members of Service Command staff and three Atlanta newspaper women make two-day tour of post.

541st Parachute Infantry Regiment joins The Parachute School. It is commanded by Col. Duane L. Lawson, Field, who is named Chief of Chaplains, before joining paratroops.

Col. Joseph O. Ensrud, administrative inspector, leaves office of the Chief of Chaplains, Washington, makes four-day visit to post.

Lt. Gen. Philip G. Ureia, commander-in-chief of armed forces of Peru visits post.

37th Infantry Regiment, commanded by Lt. Col. Edwin J. Rafter, arrives to be attached to the Parachute School as school troops, training Parachute School volunteers from their branches of the army in basic infantry before they take their jump training.

14th infantry marks its 63rd organization day.

Col. Andrew J. Schriver, Jr., commanding officer of 77th Infantry of 71st Division, ordered to another assignment and is replaced by Lt. Col. Gaston Ellick Almeria, previously of 71st Division.

M. P.'s results in capture of two Nazi prisoners who had escaped from Florida prison camp.

Maj. George M. Landrum, who commanded troops fighting the Japanese and participated in the "D" day push against the Germans as well, assumes command of 71st Infantry Division, succeeding Maj. Gen. Robert L. Sprague.

Red Cross opens branch in Alabama Trainers Area.

Col. Paul N. Starling, commanding officer of the Third Armored Division, transferred to a new assignment.

First Student Training Regiment Welcomes with The Infantry School baseball league championship.

Fourth Infantry Regiment adds battle streamer for Atlanta.

Bette Davis creates sensation in Columbus by coming to visit Corp. Lewis A. Riley, 188th Signal Photo Co., 2d Armored Division. Betty appears at Reception Center.

Army combat unit shows in Columbus. Leaves Florida to return to Hollywood, where it returns to Columbus, all going on in November. Walter Wilson says in his column she has married the Corporal, but no confirmation is forthcoming.

Chronic room shortage in Columbus rectified by stages in Columbus. Lt. Chen Chien-Chung, Chinese Army student at The Infantry School.

Staff Sgt. Paul B. Huff, paratrooper to win Congressional Medal of Honor, assigned to Parachute School.

OCTOBER 1944
Col. Henry L. Lyon, who commanded 14th Infantry since November 1942, goes to another station. He is succeeded by Col. Donald T. Beeler.

Fort Benning G.I.s begin training as fire-fighters to help beleaguered civilian man-power shortage.

Post opens new bakery to prepare bread for troops and commissary sales department.

Col. John S. Moore, veteran last war, is named commanding officer of The Infantry.

Capt. Jeanette E. Miller, commanding officer of WAC detachment, station complement, Section I, is named post war bond officer.

Hospital Unit No. 2 is re-opened in temporary quarters, stressing conditioning program for military personnel.

Major Harry "Hank" Gowdy, special service officer of The Infantry School and former big league baseball star after whom Gowdy Field was named, is returned to inactive status.

Col. Albert H. Dickerson named commanding officer of 2d Armored Division.

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Lawson Field Fort Benning

LAWSON FIELD, located in Fort Benning, is a component of the First Troop Carrier Command, one of its principal functions being to take paratroopers aloft for their actual jump training. In the above layout are shown several scenes of Lawson Field personnel at work. At upper left a corporal is working with one of the weather-prediction instruments which is used periodically in checking and compiling forecasts and in securing other

vital data essential to airmen. At upper right, paratroopers are shown loading a C-47 before the take-off on a routine training flight. At lower left, a Mustang is being towed to rest. This plane belongs to the Third Composite Squadron and is used for training purposes in Infantry School demonstrations. At lower right a C-47 pilot has received the all-clear signal for a take-off into the "wild blue beyond." (Official U. S. Army Airforce Photo.)



LT. COL. JOHN E. ALBERT, commanding officer, Lawson Field, Fort Benning, Ga., and his immediate staff. Reading from left to right, front row: Major Dan W. Tingle, Director of Supply and Maintenance; Major John C. Wretschko, Director of Operations and Training; Col. Albert; Major George W. Gorman, Director of Administration and Services; Major Larrabee C. Lillie, Administrative Inspector. Standing: Lt. Fred Haber, Supervisor of Supply; Capt. Victor Ryan, Supervisor of Training; Capt. Earl N. Robinson, Operations Officer; Maj. Hugh L. Turk, Jr., CO of Parachute Flight Section; Major Frederick W. Schoew, Supervisor of Maintenance; Major William T. Sharp, Base Surgeon; Capt. Florence E. Ingram, Supervisor of Administration; Lt. Marion Harrigan, Supervisor of Services; and Lt. Robert B. Johnson, Adjutant. (U. S. AAF Photo.)

AWHC Reveals Dance Program

The Atlanta War Hospitality Committee wish to announce the following program for officers for the remainder of November and December. (Dances are from 8 to 12 in the ball room of Hotel Georgian Terrace every Tuesday):

- Dance Nov. 23—To be announced.
- Dance Dec. 5—Naval Air Station Band.
- Dance Dec. 12—Graham Jackson Colored Orchestra.
- Dance Dec. 19—To be announced.
- Christmas Party Dance Dec. 23—Graham Jackson Colored Orchestra. (Supper served at 10 p. m.)
- New Year Dance Jan. 1—Bill Clark's Orchestra.
- Dance Jan. 9—Naval Air Station Band.

Inasmuch as the dances are given by the girls' battalion, (members of the Junior League, Debutante Club and Cotillion Club), officers are requested to refrain from bringing dates.

The lounge on the mezzanine is open daily and Sunday from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. Plenty of jukeboxes are present.

Open house in the Officers' Lounge Christmas Eve.

Open house in the Officers' Lounge Christmas Day.

Lawson Field Occupies Unique Place Among U. S. Army Air Force Bases

When Fort Benning was established in 1918, a small lighter-than-air field was constructed for use by observation balloons of the Infantry School. The site chosen was two miles southwest of the post proper in the low river bottom lands bordering the Chattahoochee river. No name was assigned to the field. Not until 13 years later was the airdrome designated by the War Department as Lawson Field.

The name selected honored a native Georgian and World War I hero, Captain Walter R. Lawson, who was killed in an airplane accident April 21, 1923, at McCook Field, Ohio, now Wright Field.

The airdrome was used as an airfield from the time the Infantry School was opened for instruction. Its principal mission was to determine whether or not the data obtained by balloon observation would be of material benefit to infantry troops in the field.

For this season it was under direct control of The Infantry School. The only fixed buildings were two small hangars. There were no runways, taxi-strips or parking aprons. In reality the field was a small grass clearing surrounded by neighboring farms.

The first balloon company arrived at the field in May, 1920 and the field had its first planes when a small group of officers and men arrived early in 1931. They were equipped with three Douglas 6-25 planes. On September 1, 1940, Lawson Field was separated from the control of The Infantry School. On that date it became an independent air base directly under the Commanding General, Army Air Forces. Even so, units at Lawson Field were assigned to the School and continued to fly on tactical field problems.

Later the development of Lawson Field was greatly accelerated when in September 1942 it became a base of the First Troop Carrier Command, and Lt. Col. (then Major) John E. Albert, arrived to take command of the base.

trained and efficient airborne forces have executed missions on an increasing scale since the invasion of North Africa. Training for this type of combat, both for the Troop Carrier units and for the Troop Carrier personnel which carry them into battle, is a complex task. The gliders, is of a highly specialized nature. Ground troops of the airborne units and Air Force personnel of the Troop Carrier Command therefore undergo much of their training together. Glider pilots receive training which enables them to leave their craft and fight as ground troops as soon as landings are made.

Necessarily a hazardous combat operation, training for the primary phases forward is planned to instill the highest degree of efficiency and reduce operational casualties to a minimum. To approximate actual combat conditions as nearly as possible, combined Troop Carrier-Airborne maneuvers climax the training given before shifting to combat zones. The maneuvers included night parachute drops, both of men and supplies, and the night landing of gliders in fields not prepared as airstrips.

Glider now in use are the CG-13, which holds 15 men and the CG-14, which carries about twice that number. The larger glider can carry a surprising amount of heavy equipment. The snatch pick-up now in use, whereby a plane in flight takes the glider in tow without landing, is used only for the salvage of gliders but for the evacuation of casualties, one of the important services of the Troop Carrier Command.

Towed by C-47s, in either single or double tow, large numbers of gliders bearing men, howitzers, jeeps, anti-tank guns and other equipment are able to land in

fields too small to all the landing of transport planes. The Troop Carrier Command has been assigned the mission of carrying the Parachute School who are earning their wings as paratroopers. Each one of these students is required to make five parachute jumps in order to qualify, and then continues his training through the advanced stages before leaving Fort Benning. The Airborne Center, Camp Mackall, N. C. finishes the training of the airborne units.

In the short period of its existence, the First Troop Carrier Command has established ten air bases in the southeast and middle west, many of which were started from scratch and it has sent highly trained units into every theater of war. Thousands of officers and enlisted men of this Command have been stationed at Lawson Field at some time during their training. Many of them have served in all parts of the world and have returned to teach newcomers their experiences.

Troop Carrier Command bases are located at: Lawson Field, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas; George Field, Lawrenceville, Ill.; Laumburg, Maxson Army Base, Maxton, N. C.; Malden Army Air Field, Malden, Mo.; Pope Field, Ft. Bragg, N. C.; Goddard Army Air Field, Warren, Mo.; Stout Field, and Lawson Field.

Another very important function of Lawson Field is to provide the base for the Third Composite Squadron, a unit of the Third Air Force, which is attached to the Infantry School. This squadron is commanded by Major William James. Airplanes of this squadron furnish both simulated enemy aviation and friendly support for the intricate ground problems and maneuvers carried on by the Infantry School.

Lawson Field occupies a unique place among Army Air Force bases by reason of its location at Fort Benning. There are perhaps no other air bases in this country which have received and sent out by air as many prominent personalities. Among the names of the past year have been General Marshall, Secretary of War Stimson, the late General McNair, the late General Sir John Dill, General Giraud, Lord Louis Mountbatten, as well as hundreds of officials and army officers of other countries.

There are now stationed at Lawson Field many officers and men of the old Forty-second Troop Carrier Squadron, now inactivated, which returned here last February, after almost two years' service in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. These men were seasoned in one of the most hazardous and trying air theatres of this war.

Since becoming a component of the First Troop Carrier Command, Lawson Field and its facilities have expanded tremendously. Three runways, each over a mile in length, have been constructed, together with huge concrete parking aprons and taxi-slips. The latest type of field lighting has been installed together with a modern air conditioned control tower and a radio range station for instrument flight control. Huge aircraft maintenance shops have been constructed, together with large warehouses for all kinds of equipment and supplies. In these shops skilled workmen can repair, or if necessary, build almost any conceivable or new part of an airplane. A 24-hour-a-day weather station and radio station are other necessary adjuncts of the base.

In addition to the scores of barracks and office buildings, Lawson Field now has a fine gymnasium, postoffice, dispensary, a new enlisted men's service club, several non-commissioned officers' clubs, a number of unit recreation rooms and small, attractive officers' club.

PROMINENT IN WAR

Here is a thumbnail outline of what airborne service has done in the war to date. Troop Carrier units carried paratroopers from England to Oren to initiate assault upon North Africa—1,500 soldiers, non-stop, the longest airborne invasion on record. Troop Carrier units saved the day at Port Moresby, when they shuttled 3,800 men and all their equipment from Australia over 600 miles of the shark-infested Coral Sea. A Troop Carrier Group in the Southwest Pacific transported an entire division into New Guinea. They flew supplies and personnel in China over the treacherous peaks of the highest mountains on earth.

On the night of July 9, 1943, 223 members of a Troop Carrier Command transported thousands of parachute troops to Sicily without loss of a single life or transport plane. Several months later on the nights of September 13-14, aid was given to the Fifth Army at Salerno when thousands of parachute troops were dropped from hundreds of transport planes to reinforce the embattled ground forces.

Troop Carrier units also played an important role in the campaign against the Guadalcanal from the Japs. All the fresh meat served Allied troops on New Guinea was flown from the Australian mainland by Troop Carrier planes. During the assault on pivotal Kodaia, Troop Carrier planes played a vital part in dropping supplies and equipment to the beleaguered American and Australian soldiers.

Troop Carriers dropped paratroopers at Gela, July 9-10, 1943. Objective was carried out despite dispersal, and many other incidental results were gained. Troop Carriers accomplished reinforcement missions when they dropped a number of paratroopers at Avelino. Thirty-four percent of the aircraft came back with holes from ground fire but no losses at all. Other duties include consisted of flying in supplies and evacuating wounded troops.

SERVED IN CHINA

A detachment from the XIV Air Force with only 10 or 12 planes and no Table of Organization served in China. Pilots were obtained from many sources at first. Their first job was to receive Air Transport Command shipments at Kunming to forward to advanced airfields. They flew ammunition and supplies to remote fields supplied only from the air; and they flew in almost constant 300-foot ceilings at Kunming Base, 5,000 to 6,000 feet altitude of field.

Troop Carrier in India were used at first mainly to drop food, supplies and ammunition into northwestern Burma. On March 5, 1944, American gliders landed American engineers and British assault troops behind Jap lines in North Central Burma, and built four landing strips and established a land base. The operation was successfully conducted 180 miles behind Japanese lines and considered one of the great feats of the present war.

During nearly two years in the Far North the former 42nd Troop Carrier Squadron, now stationed at Lawson Field, flew men and supplies from Alaska along the entire length of the Aleutian chain through some of the world's worst weather conditions. One of the biggest jobs was to evacuate thousands of soldiers wounded in the Aleutian fighting to base hospitals. Using the big C-47 planes of the Troop Carrier Command, they also carried mail and valuable supplies into combat zones.

D-day, the Troop Carrier Command operating under the Ninth Air Force in England, was responsible for dropping paratroopers and airborne infantry with their arms into Normandy, resupplying these troops, transporting replacements, and evacuating the wounded. A fleet of transport planes larger than the quantity operated by commercial air lines in the United States before the war, was employed to carry the thousands of parachute and airborne infantry troops, making the opening thrust on memorable June 6.

So outstanding was the performance of the Troop Carrier Command crews in the invasion of Normandy, Major General Ridgway, commanding the 82nd Air Borne Division, took time out in the midst of battle on the second of the invasion to write a letter of commendation to the Commanding General of the Ninth Troop Carrier Command in England. These pilots and crews received their training at First Troop Carrier Command bases, and many of them received training at Lawson Field.

Recently the 64th Troop Carrier Group, was cited by the 12th Air Force Headquarters for outstanding performance of duty in the China-Burma-India theatre of operations from April 7 to June 15, 1944.

A record for unsurpassed determination and endurance, is the story of the pilots and crewmen of the group in the Mediterranean theater who averaged 350 flying hours per individual during the emergency. Flying more than 5,000 sorties, aircraft of the 64th Group and another group's squadron, transported 35,000 troops, 13,000 tons of food, equipment, medical supplies, arms, ammunition and (See LAWSON, Page 28).

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THE FOURTH INFANTRY writes down a final period at the end of another chapter of its glorious history as Major Eugene M. Landrum, until recently commander of the 71st Division, fastens the 30th battle streamer to the Regimental Colors for action on Attu and in the Aleutians. Upper center—Colonel P. E. LeStourgeon, commanding officer of the Raiders. Upper right—a familiar sight to visitors in the 4th Infantry area in Harmony Church is this signpost which designates distances to many far-off points of the globe. Center—The Infantry regiment's largest weapon, the 105 howitzer, goes into action. Lower left—An assault team from Company C, 4th Infantry, School Troops Brigade, The Infantry School, demonstrates a method of entering a building in the village fighting problem of "Yankee Village." (168th Signal Photos).

as visiting officers at Fort Ben-

ning.

One of the most interesting

problems participated in by the

regiment is that in which two men

of the 4th Infantry, Lt. Kenneth

J. A. Cleary and Staff Sergeant

Claire M. Peterson of Company

"I," received decorations for

bravery. The problem, "Attack of

a Fortified Position," involves the

use of two Bangalore torpedoes in

cutting "enemy" barbed wire.

When a Bangalore failed to explode

and men in the detail left their

foxholes unaware of the impending

explosion, Lt. Cleary and Sgt.

Peterson, exposing themselves to

possible death, succeeded in warn-

ing the men in time to return to

their foxholes. Only after the

men were safe did they return to

their foxholes to await the ex-

plosion. For their heroism, Lt.

Cleary and Sgt. Peterson were

decorated with the Soldier's

Medal at ceremonies held on June

2, 1944.

The wide scope of problems in

which the 4th Infantry is now en-

gaged includes many tactical prob-

lems in which men of the regim-

ent demonstrate to pupils of The

Infantry School the proper meth-

ods of engaging with enemy forces.

There are many problems in which

men of the regiment act as the

"enemy," setting up and defend-

ing fortified positions against of-

ficer Candidates and other stu-

dents of The Infantry School.

Since the arrival of the 4th In-

fantry at Fort Benning, Todd

Field has been the parade ground

and athletic field of the regiment,

and the scene of three ceremonies

in which the regiment received

high honors.

CO. A CAPED

The first, last May, was the

ceremony in which the Presi-

dential Distinguished Unit Citation

was awarded to Company "A" for

its heroic conduct against the

Japanese during the battle of Attu.

The second review ceremony oc-

casioned the date on which Com-

bat Infantryman Badges were

presented to the men who saw

action on Attu Island. The third

occasion was on September 16,

when Major General Eugene M.

Landrum, commander of the 71st

Division, attached to the regim-

ent colors the 30th Battle Streamer,

earned for participation in the

Battle of Attu Island and for Aleu-

tian service.

In addition to honors which the

Fourth has won, many soldiers of

the regiment have been decorated

individually for their bravery and

gallantry in combat.

Since its arrival at Fort Benning

the 4th Infantrymen have been in

the thick of regimental activities,

particularly athletics. The regim-

ent was well represented in The

Infantry School Basketball League

by a team which made a creditable

showing, ending the season in 4th

place.

STAR ATHLETES

Following the basketball season,

Lt. Lee Feiden, who starred on the

basketball team, took over the

baseball management of the regim-

ent baseball team. The 4th In-

fantry baseball team with play-

ers who had not played for a

period exceeding three years made

a mediocre showing in the first

half of the season. In the second

half, after winning the first four

games, the Raiders, weakened by

the loss of several players who

were transferred from the regim-

ent, dropped many close contests,

but nevertheless made a creditable

showing and finished third in the

League.

Another intra-post athletic in-

which the Fourth participated was

the Fort Benning Swimming and

Diving championships held last

July in Russ Pool.

An intra-regimental sports pro-

gram in the 4th Infantry has been

developed to the extent where all

men of the regiment are able to

participate in body building ex-

ercise, inter-company competition

is held in all sports—baseball,

softball, basketball, track meets,

Volleyball and tennis tournaments

were also held. At present a red-

hot touch football league is in

progress. Enthusiasm for inter-

company competition in all these

sports was not lessened by the fact

4th Hq., Special Troops, 2d Army Small But Mighty

"Small but Mighty" would be the simile applicable to the personnel and task of the 4th Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, for it is this command's primary military function to supervise training and handle all the paper work, orders and information as handed down from Lieutenant General Lloyd R. Fredendall, Second Army Headquarters, Memphis, Tennessee, and pass the material on to the many units stationed in Fort Benning and under this Command.

From the Commanding Officer, Colonel Ernest E. Tabbutt, down through the 4th Headquarters staff officers, Lieutenant Colonel Francis R. Dick, Executive Officer, Major Neil R. Maxey, Adjutant, Major Henry A. Varnum, Plans and Training, Major William H. Moore, Supply, Captain M. J. Torres and Lieutenant Harold T. French, Personnel, each man has his specialized job that expedites any and all military matters that pertain to the various units under this Headquarters.

HARD WORK
With less than 40 enlisted men to handle the volumes of orders and War Department directives that come through channels in a week's time, it takes every man and every officer devoting his days and many nights extra duty to keep the machinery operating smoothly.

Although a Headquarters is not a tactical organization, its efficiency is the key to successful training of the men under the command, as well as following through to the executive offices. And when the individual considers the diversified combat duties of the organizations that have cleared through this command in the past, the momentous obligation can be clearly understood.

SOME CHORES
During the last 24 months 4th Headquarters have processed or tactically trained: Anti-Aircraft, Tank Destroyer and Tank Battalions, Air Ambulance Squadrons, Ordnance, Quartermaster and Medical Battalions, Gas Supply, Reorganization, Depot, Truck, Bakery and Railroad companies. Then, more recently, Photographic and Intelligence companies. Other organizations that have been under this command are Army Postal Units, Evacuation Hospitals, Engineer Treadway Bridge, Armored and Light Pontoon, Medical Sanitation, Collecting and Clearing, and Radio Control Aircraft Target Crews, and companies.

It was their first date and they were both thinking about the same thing: the called it mental lethargy. He called it beginner's luck.

That TIS problems frequently interfered with the schedule of

SECOND STAY HERE

Although this is the first lengthy period of garrison duty and Fourth has enjoyed for many years, it is not the first time the regiment has been stationed at Fort Benning.

Long before Fort Benning existed, the 4th Infantry was encamped at a site close to what is now Columbus, Georgia. Old records refer to the year 1815 when the Fourth was engaged in war with the Seminoles and Creeks of Georgia and Florida, indicate that the regiment bivouacked at a site now within the boundaries of the post of Fort Benning.

The second oldest outfit in the army, the 4th Infantry Regiment has a heritage and a high degree of esprit de corps which is indicated by the high caliber of the men who serve under her famous colors.

The Bayonet, Thursday, November 23, 1944

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LAWSON FIELD—

(Continued from Page 28)

390 mules. In return trips, more

than 3,500 Allied casualties were

evacuated to hospitals far behind

the battle lines.

Flights were made at all hours

of the day or night. The C-47's

were without protective armor or

defensive weapons to increase the

cargo load, even parachutes were

removed.

Brigadier General Harold L.

Clark, Commanding General of a

Wing of the 9th Troop Carrier

Command, who has just returned

to the United States after partici-

pating in the Arnhem and other

airborne operations disclosed the

details of the Holland operations

in which the first airborne army

paratrooper in the world's largest

airborne operations in the history of

warfare.

The success of the Troop Carrier

forces in transporting the ground

elements to their designated areas

was due in no small measure to

the complete and effective air sup-

port given by the Eighth and

Ninth Air Forces and air defense

forces of the British Royal Air

Force, the general explained. All

personnel and facilities of those

three air forces contributed in one

way or another in getting the

troop carrier forces to the target

areas. This, he explained, was ac-

complished with a very small loss

in aircraft and troop carrier per-

sonnel.

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Doctor: "Whose duck is that?"

Pappy: "That ain't no du-

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work off."

50 Profs Daily Being Profiled

Fifty men a day are now being "profiled" in the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, compliance with new War Department orders that require all units in the United States to have file an actual chart of each soldier's physical condition and aptitudes.

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4th Raiders Boast Total Of 31 Battle Streamers

One of the units acting as demoralization troops for The Infantry School is the 4th Infantry Regiment of the School Troops Brigade. One of the most famous regiments in the U. S. Army and second oldest, the 4th Infantry possesses more battle streamers than any other regiment. Thirty-one battle streamers, representing every military campaign in the history of the United States since the Revolutionary War, hang from the colors of the 4th Infantry.

The arrival of the 4th Infantry in Fort Benning at the end of January,

Academic Regiment Supplies Specialists For Infantry School

The Academic Regiment, a unique organization of non-commissioned officers, provides specialists and assistant instructors for The Infantry School. Now at almost full regimental strength, the outfit proudly traces its history back to 1907, when the School of Infantry was established at the Presidio of Monterey, in California, with an authorized strength of only five men.

Under various detachment designations, the unit gathered numbers as it moved first to Fort Sill, Okla., then to Columbus, Ga., in 1918, and soon after to Fort Benning, where it was called the Infantry School Detachment.

In 1941, the old "ISD," by which name the outfit is probably known to every Regular Infantryman, was raised to full battalion status. Seven companies composed the organization, which on June 1st, 1942, was designated as a regiment. Since that time, Academics have had four company commanders. Col. Edward P. Passalunghi, present commander, took over the regiment in October, 1943.

Last autumn two units of the Women's Army Corps, assigned to duty at the school, were attached to the Academic Regiment. The section now known as WAC Detachment One had previously been attached to the Third Student Training Regiment; the women of WAC Detachment Two had been part of the Second Army in Memphis before their arrival here in mid-October.

OUTFIT SCATTERED
Under the present Academic Regiment, Companies A and B, WAC Detachment Two, and headquarters are located on the Main Post. Companies C and E, and WAC Detachment One are quartered in the Harmony Church area. At its peak, the regiment included Companies F to I, and a special service (colored) detachment, all of which have been inactivated during the past year. As the heart of The Infantry School, the regiment naturally expands and contracts as the needs of the school dictate.

Every Academic, directly or indirectly, is partly responsible for the education of combat leaders and technicians at the school. Each section is staffed by men and women who represent the best personnel in their specializations serving in the Infantry. Some Academics have been assigned to the school because of their civilian experience, for example, as automotive experts or industrial designers. Others have been sent here from line outfits because of their efficiency in demonstrating the use of weapons and combat equipment. More than 700 men of the regiment bring to their jobs the priceless experience of overseas service.

NON-COM'S RULE
Because of the great responsibility placed upon each Academic, five out of every six men and women in the regiment wear chevrons of non-commissioned officers. Popularly known as "the most highly rated outfit in the Infantry," the Academic Regiment is also one of the few organizations of non-commissioned officers in the entire Army.

Pertaining to the most spectacular work of the regiment is done by the men of C and E Companies who staff the Weapons Section. At almost all hours of the day and night they stage problems for officer candidates and officer students on the vast, varied terrain of Fort Benning. From the 50-caliber carbine to the thunderous 105 mm howitzer, these men are experts in everything the Infantry throws at the enemy.

SMASH RECORDS
During the performance of their routine duties Academics maintain a record of the performance of their weapons, rifle experts, and anti-tank demonstrators frequently establish all-time Army records in marksmanship. They are only to be broken later by members of their own regiment. They have acted in numerous War Department films on the technique of handling Infantry weapons; their pictures appear in life-sized instruction charts, most throughout the Army Ground Force.

"Working behind the scenes" but in close harmony with the Weapons men are the C and E company Academics who keep more than 50 ranges ready and safe for firing. Their assignment includes not only the maintenance of all types of targets and measurement of the ranges, but in-

men add the finishing touches to the education of Infantry combat leaders. The climax of battle training—the battalion in attack, motorized patrolling, combat intelligence—are taught by the Tactical Section. Miscellaneous subjects, such as map reading and compass administration, are taught by the General Section.

Supporting the "field soldiers" of the regiment are scores of specialists who produce the training aids used by the School and the Infantry. An entire platoon of Company A is composed of experts artists and artisans, most of them well-known in the graphic arts in civilian life, who prepare and publish instructional maps, charts, and manuals at the Reproduction Plant. Another group of creative artists from Company B, including two editors, concept artists, and renders film strips, posters and manuals in the Training Literature and Visual Aids Section.

Other B Company men concerned with the smooth functioning of the School are Academics assigned to the operations and sound sections, the property office, and School Troops Brigade headquarters. Enlisted men of School headquarters are drawn from B and A Companies.

Members of the WAC Detachments are to be found at work in all installations of the school. Many are assigned to clerical duties in various sections of the School and four of its regiments; others work as skilled specialists, including binders, proofreaders, drafting and chauffeurs.

OTHER SUBJECT
Two sections of B Company



ACADEMIC REGIMENT COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTORS teach their students "in the field" as well as in the classrooms. Sgt. Ryan Halloran, who's now on a bond tour with an Infantry School team, is shown above operating the newest frequency modulation Infantry radio set during a field problem staged by the Radio Set Committee, "Communication Section. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Woman's Club Fills Vital Need In Life At Benning

Fort Benning's Women's Club is the second such club to be organized on an Army Post, and through the 21 years of its existence, it has been most successful in maintaining friendliness and comradeship among army women.

The purpose of the club was to serve the cultural and social needs of the women of the post and its nearby activities deal with literary interests and the Post School. Through the intervening years the club has maintained an active interest in the schools, establishing a nursery school as a special project, and always contributing moral and material support to the educational system. The widening circle of women's interests has been met by a broadened program, designed to expand or prune according to changing times and customs. In 1925 departmental groups were organized, and the vigor of the present groups is a testimonial to the wisdom of promoting such special interests. These have varied as a changed world has made new demands on women, but always they have given help and inspiration in group study of the new requirements.

FLEXIBLE FUNCTIONS
Thus it has been easy to shift from the arrangement and growth of flowers to Victory gardens, from interior decorations to better household management and from light reading to the study of current events. An interesting and valuable activity of the club which has been discontinued during the war years was the annual flower show and the three-day flower school. It is hoped that this may again be supported when peace comes. With the increased demands on time and strength the club and the dramatic groups have been discontinued, and instead the sale of War Bonds has been sponsored. The women take pride in making prompt response to the elastic demands made on them.

NUCLEUS OF 12
Twenty members organized the club in 1923 in response to a call

ONE OF THE PERMANENT BARRACKS BUILDINGS at Fort Benning is the home of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, which came to this post in 1918 under its peace-time name of the Infantry School Detachment. This photograph is from the private collection of pictures of the post made by S. Sgt. Jack Lieberman.

by Mrs. Walter Gordon. The first president was Mrs. Alfred Bjornstad, who arranged and carried through a full program, despite the fact that Benning was then a "temporary camp of shanties and tents." By 1923 there was an active membership of 88, which has increased to 300 in 1935, and to 700 in 1944. The club history has been kept up to date in a scrap book begun in 1933 by Mrs. Alexander Felt. She acknowledges the help given in her research by Major General Eugene Landrum, then a colonel in the Infantry School, and recently stationed at Fort Benning.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS
Many prominent military men have aided the club, either by special courtesies or by appearing on the programs. In the early years of the club's history General Joseph W. Stilwell, then a major, gave a series of talks on Chinese customs, manners, and furnishings. General G. C. Marshall, then a colonel, spoke on "Christmas" at one of the traditional Christmas teas. In 1941 General Omar N. Bradley addressed the club.

In these days of a rapidly changing personnel of the post the need for a woman's club is even more apparent though it becomes more difficult to manage because of the many changes. To women whose lives have been unsettled and disturbed it has a real mission. The club now serves as a place of meeting new friends and old, for continuing personal interests, and as an exchange of inspiration and morale. Its program is designed for practical as well as entertainment value, and the success of this plan is evidenced by the large enrollment of members and the attendance figures at general and group meetings.

MRS. FARIS PRESIDENT
Mrs. Walter B. Faris is the active president, and Mrs. Fred G. Walker, the honorary president, during the current year, and their aim is to meet the existing needs of the present as well as maintain the standards set in earlier years. The roster of past presidents whose devotion and leadership has made the club so successful is as follows: Mrs. Alfred Bjornstad, 1923-24; Mrs. Frank Cochea, 1925-26; Mrs. William McKendry Scott, 1926-28; Mrs. Ralph Kingman, 1928-29; Mrs. Walter O. Johnson, 1929-30; Mrs. Edgar S. Miller, 1930-31; Mrs. Oscar W. Hood, 1931-32; Mrs. D. G. Berry, 1932-33; Mrs. Charles Hunt, 1933-34; Mrs. E. C. Peyton, 1934-35; Mrs. Philip Wood, 1935-36; Mrs. Maxon Lough, 1936-37; Mrs. W. A. McCullough, 1937-38; Mrs. W. G. Lawless, 1938-39; Mrs. J. W. Moreland, 1939-40; Mrs. A. M. Patch, 1940-41; Mrs. John R. Eden, 1941-42; Mrs. Roger B. Harrison, 1942-43; Mrs. Reginald H. Kelley, 1943-44; and Mrs. Harold E. Potter, 1944-45.

Gen. Walker New STB Head

Brig. Gen. William G. Walker, former assistant Commanding General of IRTC at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, has been appointed to succeed General H. P. School Troops Brigade, The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, replacing Brigadier General Harry P. Perrine. Coincidentally General Perrine will report to Camp Robinson to assume the command held by General Walker. After 3 years of service as a staff member of General Headquarters in Washington, D. C., General Walker spent a few weeks here at The Infantry School where he took a refresher course. Upon completion of the course he traveled to Camp Robinson. General Perrine, a graduate of West Point, was appointed a permanent colonel in July 1942 and a general when placed in command of the School Troops in April 1943. Stationed here for the past five and a half years, he was at one time commander of the Academic Regiment, ISSC, leaving that post in June 1941 to become Executive Officer of The Infantry School.

Sgt. "So you met your wife at a dance. Wasn't that romantic?" Pvt. "No, but she was so charming, I thought she was at home taking care of the kids." Jap Admiral after the battle of Leyte in the Philippines: "Is you is, or is you ain't my Navy?" GI: "Did you know that what we just came through is two miles long and cost \$12,000,000?" Gal (fixing her hair): "Well, it was worth it." The glances that over cocktails seem so sweet. Two beaming charming over shredded wheat.

COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE ACADEMIC REGIMENT, THE INFANTRY SCHOOL — Col. Edward P. Passalunghi (above), fourth commander of the Academic Regiment since its activation in June 1942, is a veteran of 28 years' service in the United States Army. He served on the Mexican border in 1916, earned five battle stars as company commander overseas during the first World War, was with the Army of Occupation in Germany for nine months. During the peace years he was professor of military science and company commander at several stations, including Fort McKinley in the Philippines. He came to The Infantry School in April 1943, commanded the Second Student Training Regiment before assuming command of the Academic Regiment the following October. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

Fort Benning since April, 1943. It formerly violinist in the pit orchestra of the Stanley Theater in January 1944, when all bands Pittsburgh leads this group when were put under the Adjutant General's Department, and was then assigned to the School Troops Brigade of the Infantry School. Sixteen members of the band double as the 221st Dance Band under the leadership of Sgt. James E. Dye. This group is in constant demand at numerous social occasions around the post and at the U. S. O.'s. Soloists in this organization include Joe Thomassell, former trumpet soloist with De Courney and Sammy Kaye and Bill Springer, tenor sax soloist from Pittsburgh. Cpl. Hal Leiner, smiled and said, "I give up."

Since March 10, 1943, the 14th Air Force reports 1,033,789 tons of Japanese shipping has been sunk or damaged, much of it in the Formosa Straits and along the China coast.

"Why," asked the GI, "do you have so many friends?" She

from Pittsburgh. Cpl. Hal Leiner,

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221st AGF Band Wins Applause At Grid Games

One of the highlights of the Virginia National Guard and activated into Federal service in 1941, the band has been stationed at

current football season has been the marching demonstrations of the 221st Army Ground Force Band under the direction of Warrent Officer Paul S. Callaway. Though reduced in size to 28 enlisted men and now wearing the buff straps of the 3rd Infantry the band has surpassed its last year's performance when, as the 176th Infantry Band, it introduced its sensational crack drill performances in Doughboy stadium. These drills, designed by Sgt. Raymond A. Cross, assistant leader of the band, feature the "script writing method" of letter writing and rapidly changing drills. Sgt. Cross is a graduate of the Army Music School and in civilian life was director of several national prize-winning corps and bands from Iowa. The band is led on the field by T-Sgt. Joseph Blaha of Petersburg, Va., drum major. One of the top musical assignments for the band was to provide background music for a series of transcriptions prepared by the Infantry School on "The Infantry's" Thirteen Weapons of War which were broadcast over numerous stations. Parts of these scores were composed by Mr. Callaway who was formerly organist and choir director at the National Episcopal Cathedral in Washington and is a graduate of the Army Music School. The many appearances of the band in the Georgia-Alabama area have included every type of assignment to play concerts at rallies, bond drives, as well as many radio broadcasts. Stationed here at the Infantry School, Va., as a unit of the Vir-

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Post Red Cross Chapter Has Had Integral Part in Benning History

A history of Fort Benning would not be complete without the history of the American Red Cross on this post, for the Red Cross has been an integral part of the military life of Fort Benning and has played an important part in the growth of the post.

During the last war when the Fort was then a sprawling mobilization camp for the doughboys of 1917 the Red Cross was represented in all military installations in the last war.

The first permanent Red Cross installation at Fort Benning was located in the old wooden building which burned in 1923 destroying all the Red Cross records. In 1925, when Frank F. Green was field director, the Red Cross headquarters were located in one of the frame buildings used to house the infantrymen, the buildings being torn down what is now the main post. Mr. Green was followed in 1930 by E. B. Allen, who remained a year. Frank Castiel became field director in 1931 and stayed through 1935. He was replaced by J. W. Clark, and it was during Mr. Clark's administration as field director that the Red Cross Headquarters were moved to the portion of what is now the bank building on the main post.

At this time the frame buildings on the parade ground were used as a field director's office. In 1937, and remained until 1939 when he was then transferred to the position as field supervisor. In 1940 Mr. Cullen was sent to the Philippine Islands to recognize the Red Cross and became a captive of the Japanese Army at the fall of Manila and is still held as a prisoner as of this date.

In 1940 with the preparedness under way, H. B. Johnson was named field director and the staff was increased by the addition of two clerical workers.

EVENTS MOVE FAST—Events began to move fast after December 7, 1941, while J. W. Carter was field director. In the fall of 1941 there was added the hospital staff. Previous to that time the able-bodied and the hospital building in February, 1941, the beautiful building on the main post was erected and two assistant field directors and two more clerical workers were added to the staff.

The growth of Fort Benning and the Red Cross since 1941 has been phenomenal. Mr. Carter left in the spring of 1942 to join the Navy. Mr. Eugene Bussey became field director, remaining until April, 1943, when Ralph Mitchell took over the post. Mr. Mitchell was promoted to field supervisor in April, 1944, and the present field director, Murray E. Hill, assumed the duties as field director of the Red Cross at Fort Benning on April 1, 1944.

From 1941 to the present date the staff increased from a total of four to 65, 40 serving with the able-bodied and 25 at the Regional Hospital. The Red Cross unit at Fort Benning is considered one of the largest Red Cross installations at a military post in the eastern United States. The present main post building contains 12 offices, sleeping quarters for the man on duty at night, store rooms, large file room, reception room and a room 40 by 50 to take care of the immense department handling the financial transactions of the Red Cross.

EVOLVING FUND—The revolving fund at Fort Benning is now \$120,000.00 and the amount of money required to operate this tremendous organization is well over a quarter of a million dollars a year. Besides the main post, there are four branch offices located in the Harney Church area, Sand Hill area, the Parachute School area, and an office with the Parachute Training School in the Alabama area. In each of these offices is a complete Red Cross staff and the operations of any one of them equals that which is found in most of the average camps throughout the country. With five installations not including the unit in the hospital, the services of the Red Cross are made convenient to the majority of men stationed at Fort Benning. While the branch offices are at 5:30 p. m. the main office operates on a twenty-four hour basis to handle emergency telephone and telephone calls throughout the night so no man at Fort Benning need be caused an undue delay in receiving word from home when an emergency arises.

Figures for the whole 26 years of the Red Cross at Fort Benning are as follows: 30,778 loans made totaling \$132,773.11 were made either in the main post or one of the four branch offices. Four hundred sixty-seven grants totaling \$2,320.28 were made. Grants are cash advancements made to the military when it is apparent that the repayment of a loan would work a hardship on the soldier.

During the past 12 months over \$50,000.00 on money originally advanced in the form of loans to soldiers at this camp and other camps has been sent into National Headquarters with the recommendation that no further effort be made to collect on the loans as an investigation of the condition of the soldiers originally making the loan showed such repayment would work a hardship either on the soldier or on his family.

In the main office of the Red Cross there is actually operated a telegraph office, including a teletype that would do justice to many small communities. There are two teletype operators working on shift. The Red Cross in the last 12 months sent 21,798 wires and received 26,382 wires. It is interesting to note here that 26,382 wires have been received but to be called out to the military to be relayed either to the soldier himself or someone in authority. To expedite the clearance of these wires a wire room is maintained where those thoroughly skilled in the calling of wires and with knowledge of the codes of the post move each wire with unusual rapidity. Wires for the various outpost areas are relayed to the Red Cross office serving those areas and from there they are in turn delivered to the military.

33,963 CASES HANDLED—There were presented to the Red Cross for aid in the solution of various problems 33,963 individual cases. It took a well-organized, working tirelessly, to serve these many soldiers and besides the wires indicated above there were 25,755 letters written. The staff received 22,645 letters to aid them in having the soldier solve the difficulty confronting him.

A basic analysis of the 33,969 cases handled disclosed the major services were rendered in Murray E. Hill assumed the duties as field director of the Red Cross at Fort Benning on April 1, 1944.

NOT THE WHOLE STORY—The above figures in no way give a true picture of the services rendered by the Red Cross for it is impossible to measure by numbers the sympathizing understanding and the help rendered by the Red Cross worker to a soldier who has just received distressing news from home, nor is it possible to measure the help rendered by the Red Cross worker to a soldier who has just left the office after having solved for him what he thought was an insurmountable personal problem. These figures do not include either the hundreds of cases each day which on the statistical report are shown as brief service cases representing the many thousands of little questions the soldier brings to the Red Cross for lack of another place.

Represented in the above statistical information and impossible to show in cold facts and figures, are the thousands of individual and personal problems of the serviceman. For each man who brings a problem to the Red Cross, while on the surface such problem might seem similar to many before, it must be handled on an individual basis as far as the soldier is concerned. Birthday cakes have been bought and delivered to soldiers, lost relatives located, marriages have been arranged, allotments straightened out, reconciliations between husbands and wives have been effected, welfare reports by the thousands have been sent home to distressed parents, death messages to soldiers have been made easier by the proper and understanding handling by the Red Cross. These are just a few of the many hundreds of problems presented daily to the Red Cross staff.

ALL VOLUNTEERS—It is well here to mention the professional staff that serves unflinchingly. The men serving with the Red Cross are all volunteers. The majority left comfortable and well paying positions behind to assume their duties with the Red Cross because of their keen desire to serve the soldiers and their country. Few of the thousands of those men who serve with the Red Cross are eligible for military duty due to physical disability, age, etc. All it under 38 years have been previously turned down by their draft board for the draft exempts no one for the purpose of serving with the Red Cross.

Besides handling personal problems of the Red Cross it is the responsibility of the staff to arrange for the able-bodied many among these is the life saving and functional swimming instructions given by trained experts furnished by the Red Cross. Death by drowning in the United States Army was alarming at the beginning of the war but has decreased in a gratifying proportion since the Army and the Red Cross conceived the functional swimming instructor program. At Fort Benning there have been literally thousands of men who have been trained as instructors to fight their way through burning oil, to swim heavily laden with their entire equipment, to have comrades who would have otherwise perished. These men have returned to their outfits and have gone to distant parts of the world and trained millions of others as they might save themselves and their companions in the battles where first the water must be conquered before the enemy could be reached. It would be interesting to estimate the number of lives that have been saved by these functional swimming programs given by the Red Cross at Fort Benning.

TRAINING EVERYWHERE—Fort Benning has also been used as a training place for Red Cross men and women and from the training class there have been literally hundreds of Red Cross men go with combat divisions to the far corners of the earth. Some have been trained with the Paratroopers and have received their wings, and are heard from occasionally down in the Pacific and the Western Front. Others are now serving with the Red Cross troops on the front lines in France. The present whereabouts of these hundreds who have been trained at Fort Benning are not known but it is known they are doing their work well for the training class at Fort Benning was considered one of the outstanding Red Cross training units in the country.

4,433 PINTS OF BLOOD—It has always been gratifying to the Red Cross and the American public to note the magnificent response when the blood bank came to the Fort. Due to the limited equipment and personnel it was never possible to accept the blood all those who clamored to give their blood so badly needed on the battle front. Nevertheless a total of 4,433 pints of blood has been given at Fort Benning. This was such a remarkable record that the Atlanta Constitution, a national newspaper, devoted a full page to the good people of the city of Atlanta of the splendid example of the soldiers at Fort Benning in volunteering.

There are of course scores of other activities of Red Cross, the Grey Addies, Nurses Aide, Motor Corps, surgical dressing, and many others. These activities are under the heading, "Volunteer Services," and the director of the Red Cross Auxiliary. Complete and detailed information concerning these splendid volunteer services are given in this issue of the Bayonet.

The question is, what does the average GI himself think of the Red Cross activities? This is probably answered in a review of the War Fund Drive of March 1944. In their keen appreciation of what the Red Cross stands for, the Benning post donated in the War Fund Drive of 1944 nearly \$41,000.00, being the largest amount donated by any Army post in the Southeastern area. Truly is the Red Cross history a part of Fort Benning history as literally thousands of enlisted men and officers well know since the first Red Cross man reached Fort Benning with the beginning of mobilization in World War I.

RC CHORUS QUARTET SINGS IN COLUMBUS—A quartet from the Reception Center Chorus rendered several selections at the memorial services which were held Sunday at Central Christian Church in Columbus. Outstanding among the numbers sung by the quartet was "When the Roll is Called Alive and Dead." Members of the quartet were Sgt. Willis M. Brown, Sgt. William Washburn, Jr., Cpl. Archie Thornton and Cpl. Lawrence Armstrong.

Or Russians Will—The American officer said to the wounded Nazi pilot he had just shot down, "Do you want us to bring you a priest?" "Better is my priest," the Nazi said. "If you'll try to hold on," the American pleaded, "We'll get him for you."—Sibert News.

Aeronautical scientists are puzzled by the amount of clothing burlesque dancers can take off on such a short runway. Just because a girl is well oiled is no guarantee that she won't squeal.

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787th Tanks Win Touch Football Flag

TIS Champions Topple 4165th QM in Playoff

A blocked kick in the final minutes of play paved the way to the winning touchdown Tuesday night in Doughboy Stadium as a scrappy 787th Tank Battalion eleven won the 1944 Fort Benning Touch Football Championship with a routing 14-7 over the 4165th Quartermaster Depot Co. machine.

Ben Crowder, sturdy right end of the new champs, was the lad who broke through the 4165th line with only two minutes of play remaining and blocked an attempted punt on the QM eleven's 20-yard line. The pigskin rolled back to the eight-yard line when it was recovered by Tavernetti of the 787th.

On the next play, Paddy Padfield sidled around end for the winning touchdown, and then Connor converted from the line for the second time in the championship affair.

TIS CHAMPS

The 787th earned the right to play in the finals of the tourney sponsored by the Fort Benning Athletic Association by capturing the Infantry School title in a play-off with the 1st STR 2nd Co. last Friday night. The 4165th was Second Army champ.

The Tankers came straight to the stadium on Tuesday from bivouac and returned to the bivouac area immediately after winning the title.

QM SCORES

The 4165th drew first blood in the title bout scoring after only three minutes of play on a 30-yard pass play from Kern to Piker, their stellar right end. Piker also converted to give the QM lads a 7-0 lead which they held until midway in the third period.

The Tankers finally came to life when Padfield, their great tailback, intercepted a 4165th pass thrown by McPherson from his own 15-yard line, and scampered over for the initial 787th tally. Connor converted to deadlock the count and it remained at that figure until the blocked kick and subsequent touchdown in the closing moments.

787th Tankers

Offensive	165th QM
McPherson	LT
Patterson	LT
Brown	C
Canon	RT
Elliot	RT
Kellenger	RT
Crowder	RE
Draws	QB
Bishop	LB
Padfield	RB
Spadaforte	FB
Kern	QB

Tickets for Friday High School Battle Available at Post

Tickets for the annual schoolboy grid classic between Jordan High's Red Jackets and the Columbus High Blue Devils, which will be played tomorrow night at Memorial Stadium in Columbus, are now on sale for one dollar each at the post athletic office.

The ducks can be obtained this afternoon or all day tomorrow. This year's clash is being sponsored by the Monday Morning Quarterback Club of Columbus, with all proceeds going to the YMCA Building Fund in the city.

As usual, the game is attracting unusual interest at the post, particularly so this year inasmuch as the Columbus High captain, Chuck Magoni, is a Fort Benning youth, the son of the late Mr. Sgt. John Magoni.

Hundreds of military personnel are expected to be among the 12,000 fans. The kickoff is slated for 9 p. m., Benning time.

Post Grid Fans Eagerly Await Second Raider-Cockade Battle December 3rd

By CPL. JOHN T. CROWLEY

Fort Benning football fans are eagerly awaiting the second clash between the Infantry School teams, the 4th Infantry Raiders and the 3d Infantry Cockades, scheduled Sunday, Dec. 3, at Doughboy Stadium.

The Raiders pulled a mild upset in the first game when they bested the highly rated Cockades, 14-6.

As a matter of fact, the Raiders showed considerable improvement once the season got underway and the Cockades, after a sensational first game win over Maxwell Field, hit the skids fast and failed to demonstrate the pre-season power they promised.

However, the Cockades lost three of their best backs in the 4th Infantry game and never seemed to recover.

When a team loses backs like Lou Saban, Chuck Jacoby, Billy Reinhard in one afternoon it's handicapped.

The Raiders, finally caught up with the Raiders last week. They lost the services of their brilliant center, Cecil Kemp, and probably have lost Bernie Check, a better than ordinary end.

Saban will be back for the second meeting between the teams. It's doubtful if Jacoby or Reinhard will be.

The Raiders have 10 days to prepare for the game. Meanwhile, the Cockades will take on Keebler Field before starting their preparation which they hope will provide them with sufficient spark to topple the Raiders, who will be top-heavy favorites to repeat their first victory.

Dobbs vs. Trippi In Atlanta Game On December 10

The Super-Bombers of Second Air Force will meet the Grenlins of the Third Air Force in the season's best football game at the Atlanta, Georgia, Tech stadium in Atlanta, Sunday December 10th.

This game is one of two first-round contests of an elimination tourney to determine the Army Air Forces football title. March Field (4th Air Force) and Randolph Field (Central Flying Training Command) will meet in the first round tilt in the Los Angeles Coliseum. It is planned that the winners of the two clashes will meet a week later to determine the AAF champion.

Second Air Force is sparked by Glenn Dobbs, All-American passing star of Tulsa University, while Third Air Force relies chiefly on Charlie Trippi, great 1942 Rose Bowl star of the University of Georgia. The Super-Bombers work out of Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colorado, while the home training base of the Grenlins is at Fort McClellan, North Carolina.

Rosters of both teams are studied by former collegiate and professional stars in addition to Dobbs and Trippi, and both teams have had highly successful seasons against the toughest opposition obtainable. Third Air Force has only one powerful Randolph Field and Great Lakes while winning five games. Second Air Force has a record of 7 victories and 3 defeats.

Entire proceeds of the December game at Grand Field will go to Army charities.

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struck around Tom Byrd, a 22-pounder who really plays a lot of tackle. The guards, Jim Emery and Don Rozumalski, are the best guards to appear here this season. They are exceptionally good on defense, and lead most of the running plays. Pete Schneider, a six foot, four inch end, is a remarkable pass receiver and does the bulk of the pass catching.

Lou Saban, who started the season as the Cockades' regular quarterback and ended up playing halfback and fullback until injured in the first game with Miami Naval, will be back in the line this week. His presence will give the Cockades a substantial increase in their secondary defense, which has been woefully weak.

Saban's return partially offsets the loss of John Donahue, a guard and one of the first linemen on the squad. Donahue, who suffered a broken hand in the first game, is expected to return in a few days.

SCORES 43 POINTS

Billy Hillenbrand, as usual, expected to carry the load of the ball carrying and punting. Saban's presence will relieve him of some of the passing duties. Hillenbrand has been consistent all season; he has been handicapped by poor blocking, but still has scored 43 points. The Keebler team might have a lot of good yards in punts.

Joe Pavarnick, the old Notre Dame player, will take over the guard slot vacated by Donahue. Joe is as steady as the morning bugler and is a handy man to have in the lineup.

Wolves Meet 5th Infantry Five Saturday

The 1st STR Wolves will be seeking their fifth win of the basketball season when they meet the 5th Infantry quintet Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the Main Post gym.

Milt Tico, star of last year's 5th Infantry team, is expected to play. Most of the Wolves' scoring, again is expected to carry the brunt of the attack. Tico is an excellent set shot artist.

The Wolves trimmed the 4th Infantry Raiders, 31-25, in their last start.

Prof Athletes Have Stored 50 Trophies In 'Treasure House'

"The Prof Treasure House" is what sports fans call the main staff room of the Academic Regiment, where the Prof teams have stored 50 trophies, including cups, plaques and 25 post championships in as many years.

Most valuable from the historical angle is the first loving cup, dated 1918 and inscribed "Championship Trophy, Camp Benning, Ga.—Interorganization Baseball League, Won by Infantry School Detachment."

Just as the "camp" has grown to a fort and the "interorganization" loop to a topnotch Infantry School league, so has the "detachment" become the Academic Regiment.

While growing up the outfit has accumulated 18 post all-league trophies in baseball, 12 each in bowling and basketball, seven in swimming and one in volleyball. The most recent is the award for the 1944 TIS baseball championship, first half.

Reception Center Athletic Teams Provide Plenty of Entertainment

BY CORP. LEW SWINGLE

Fort Benning's Reception Center during the past year turned to its athletes to provide much of the recreation and entertainment for soldiers of the command. Not only was there a variety of sports, but the outstanding performances of players on the football, baseball and basketball teams attracted sports fans from units all over the post.

Reception Center soldiers captured the Southeastern Conference baseball championship in a post-season tilt with the 1st STR Red Sox last year to open the season last night at Augusta, Ga. 9 to 0; McMill Field at Tampa, Fla. 15-0; and Morehouse College in Atlanta, 28-0.

There are two remaining games on the Reception schedule this year, the return engagement with the Tuskegee Warhawks in Memorial Stadium, Columbus, tonight; and a return game with the Infantry School Rockets, Friday, December 1st in Doughboy Stadium.

MANY EX-PROS

Baseball season opened May 4th with the Southeastern Conference of seven teams. While all the baseball clubs could boast of a number of former professional stars, it was the Reception Center team that furnished much of the interest and color for fans.

Among some of these players were Cecil Jones, and Edward (Peanuts) Davis, pitchers; James Echols, Fred Wilson, and Robert (Buck) Hollingsworth, outfielders; Mike Heathman, shortstop; and Horatio Lamar, outfielder.

The Tiger baseball club also engaged several professional stars, as the Atlanta Black Crackers, the Birmingham Black Barons, and the Columbus Grays.

During all the season, "Peanuts" Davis, ex-Cincinnati clown ace, could be counted upon to give the fans a good deal of entertainment with his antics.

Captain James B. Rhinehardt, in charge of the Reception Center transportation unit, has been in the Reception Center since 1942, and played out of field with the Academic Profits all through the '43 season. He batted .288 during the seven-game title playoffs between the first half champ Prof and the 178th Spirits.

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Mitt-Slinging In 'Bama Area Features TKOs

Two technical knockouts, four decisions and one draw featured the mitt-slinging program at the Second Army Training Regiment's Annual Area Last Wednesday night, continuing a series of boxing events which have become one of the most popular recreational activities of the regiment.

In the feature bout of the evening, a heavyweight affair, Ernie Griffith of Tampa, Fla., and Ray Hanson of the West Indies, both weighing in at 190 pounds, punched their way through one fast round and part of another before a technical knock.

The winner was from the Third STR, while Hanson hailed from the First STR Service Battalion.

DRAW IN PRELIM

In the preliminaries, Ned Cunningham, 165, of LaGrange, Ga., and Martin Seifert, 135, of Bethlehem, Pa., both of the Third STR, fought to a draw.

Decisions in other bouts, with all fighters being from the Fort Benning Reception Center, were as follows: Jack, the nation's No. 1 lightweight, won by a score of 10-9; Hamilton, 130, of Detroit, Mich., lost to Willie McLean, 140, of Tampa, Fla., on decision; Bob Green, 140, of Miami, Fla., defeated Leo F. Fante, 135, of Bethlehem, Pa., on decision; Jimmie Graham, 140, of Lakeland, Fla., won the decision over Allen Franklin, 140, of Tampa, Fla.

LEE WINS TKO

John H. Thomas, 160, of Edwards, Mass., defeated Charles Hilton, 165, of Delaware, Md., and Bob Lee, 165, of Nashville, Tenn., won by a technical knockout over Clifton Thomas of Edwards, Mass., who weighed in at 168.

T-Sgt. Bryant Bass, Southwest Army AAU lightweight champ, and Sgt. Joe Thigpen of the Alabama Special Services Office, refereed the bouts.

Lt. Garnet Mercer, Ex-Prof Baseballer Hurt in Holland

Lt. Garnet E. Mercer, remembered here for his sensational hitting in the 1943 baseball title playoff between the 178th Infantry and the Academic Regiment, was wounded in the head during the fighting in Holland.

After a brief hospitalization he expects to return to the front, according to a letter he has written to Lt. Roy V. Isaacs, of the Academic Regiment.

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14 Candidates Report for RC Court Machine

Fourteen candidates have answered the pre-season call for the Reception Center basketball team. Several days now the team has been practicing under the guidance of its coaches, Captains David A. Hess and T-5 Clifton R. Jones.

Men reporting to date are Lionel Newsome, Callman, Pierre Davis, Samuel Hill, Haynes Ford, J. B. Smith, Albert Wilson, George Thompson, Louis Evans, Oscar Pendleton, Eugene Johnson, Horatio Lamer, J. O. Smith and Michael Cheatham.

The team will be led this year by Newsome and Evans, who are co-captains of the aggregation.

Officers in charge of the team are Capt. David A. Hess and T-5 Clifton R. Jones.

With the induction of Sidney Walker into the armed service and his subsequent attachment to the Special Training Unit of the Reception Center, interest in boxing has heightened. Private Walker, a few weeks before, as the sensational Bouncing Beau Jack, had been the greatest drawing card for Madison Square Garden, New York, since the hey-day of Lord Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis.

Beau Jack came into the Army at the height of his ring career, and after donning a military uniform, he has continued his interest in boxing by giving a number of exhibition fights.

TOPEKA BORN

In August of this year, Beau Jack, and Bob Montgomery, who is also in the Armed Forces at Reception Center, increased their popularity many times by giving an exhibition fight at Madison Square Garden for the promotion of the Fifth Army Drive.

Montgomery, holder of the lightweight championship of the world, dropped the title to Beau Jack, but his title didn't change hand because it was not at stake. As the result of this war bout, Beau Jack, more than \$35,000,000 worth of War Bonds were sold as admission prices.

With the support of T-Sgt. Bryant Bass, former lightweight champion of the Southeast, Beau Jack organized and trained a boxing team, composed of Reception Center soldiers. This team has given a number of exhibition bouts on larger cards with Beau Jack in other areas of Fort Benning, including Lawson Field and the Paratrooper Stadium.

Recently Beau Jack gave an exhibition for G.I.s of Fort McClellan, Ala. He was pitted against Aaron Perry, contender for the welterweight crown, in an over-weight match, but didn't know who his opponent would be until his arrival at Fort McClellan. Notwithstanding the fact that Perry outweighed him by almost 15 pounds, Beau Jack went through with the exhibition for five rounds in order not to disappoint the 18,000 fight fans on hand. He floored Perry three times with 10-ounce gloves.

INTRA-MURAL SPORTS

Competitive sports between battalions and companies of the Reception Center have been integrated into the training and physical conditioning program of this Command.

The Special Training Unit last summer carried out a full scale softball schedule with cadet and trainees of the four battalions organized into two leagues. The permanent was

Golf League Ends In Tie

In the matches in the Officers' Club Golf League, played last Sunday, the Second and Third Student Training Regiment defeated the Parachute School by a score of 22-12 to 5-1-2, while the School Troops team was winning from the First Student Training Regiment by a score of 17 to 13.

This caused a tie for first place between the Academic Regiment A Team and the Second and Third Student Training Regiments, each team having won four games and lost one. Each team has one match yet to play to complete the schedule.

The Second and Third Student Training Regiments will meet the First Student Training Regiment and Academic A Team will fight it out with the School Troops next Sunday. The probability is that both of the leagues will win the final game which will necessitate a play-off.

Lt. Col. Don Mathes Wins Golf Tourney

Finals in the Officers' Club Golf Tourney Tournament were played last week end. In the feature match Lt. Col. Don Mathes sprang a surprise by defeating Captain E. Krig, 3-2.

Results of other matches were as follows: Second flight, Capt. B. J. Scherer defeated Col. D. McEntee 1 up; third flight, Capt. F. H. Cronin defeated Lt. F. J. Langston 1 up; fourth flight, Lt. Col. J. C. Cooper defeated Lt. J. E. Deeds 1 up; fifth flight, Maj. H. W. Cooley defeated Col. Wm. B. Vancey 2-1; sixth flight, Maj. L. Langender defeated Maj. E. B. Peabody 2-1; seventh flight, Lt. 3-2.

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The blonde thought carefully.

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71st Division In One Year's Time Has Grown From Stack Of Orders To Highly Efficient Outfit

By T-S JOE S. DAUBE

It was little more than a year ago that the 71st Infantry Division was one of our country's newest fighting forces. During this short space of time it has grown from a mere stack of General and Special Orders to a highly efficient outfit which has been activated in July 1943 at Camp Carson, Colo. The 71st was originally designed as a light, mobile force capable of operating in close and difficult terrain. However, due to the top caliber of the men who have since become a part of this organization and the extensive, rigorous training programs they have undergone the past year, it soon became qualified as one of the most versatile divisions, fully capable to operate on any field of battle. It is the firm belief of those "in the know" that the showing to be made by the 71st Division when it comes in contact with the enemy will be nothing less than phenomenal.

MOUNTAIN TRAINING WITH MULE PACKS

After months of training in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, the 71st Infantry Division learned quickly to overcome obstacles of rugged, mountainous terrain. Its field of operations included the famous Pike's Peak and other natural barriers with equally difficult and hazardous terrain features.

Mules were the only means of transporting materials and supplies except for hand carts and human carriers. During the training at Camp Carson the division personnel became past masters in the care, handling and packing of mules.

MANEUVERS ON WEST COAST

In February 1944 the 71st Infantry Division moved to a mountainous maneuver area on the West Coast where, with its meager baggage and equipment, it participated in what was considered the most rigorous maneuvers ever held in the United States.

During one period of 53 days, the division personnel lived on "C" rations for 43 days. Rations as well as the ammunition and other supplies had to be brought in by mules and by hand for a distance as far as nine miles.

Low temperature, rain, snow, high water that washed out bridges and roads, and mud that was literally bottomless—despite all these handicaps maneuvers problems continued until the prearranged date for its conclusion.

Normally exposure to such hardships might have been expected to make an unfavorable showing on the sick book. Throughout the entire maneuver period division officers reported high morale and proudly pointed to a low sickness rate as an indication of the top-notch physical condition.

HEADED BY VETERANS

Those in the driver's seat of the 71st Division are men of vast military knowledge and experience. Brig. Gen. Willard G. Wyman, commanding general of the division, has participated in battles in both the European and Asiatic theaters of operation.

Most recently he saw action with the First Division in Sicily, France and Germany.

In 1942, from February to December, General Wyman was Assistant G-3 and G-2 with the United States forces in China, Burma and India. Attached to the Chinese army in the Burma Campaign of 1942 he walked out of Burma with General "Vinegar" Joe Stilwell.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy in 1916, he was commissioned a second lieutenant on November 1, 1916—just 10 days before the Armistice ended the hostilities. Promoted through the ranks, he became a Brigadier General on November 4, 1943.

After serving in various capacities he was transferred to the Cavalry in July, 1920, and was assigned to the 11th Cavalry in July, 1921-25. He was then transferred to the 7th Cavalry until 1928 when he went to China.

During his stay in China, 1928, 32, General Wyman was chief topographer for the Roy Chapman Andrews' Central Asiatic expedition. Returning to the States, he was assigned to the 3rd Cavalry until 1935.

In 1937 he attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. Then until 1940, he was instructor in the department of Tactics at the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas. His next assignment was as Aide-de-Camp and on the General Staff of Major General Kenyon A. Joyce in both the First Cavalry Division and the Ninth Army Corps. Following this he went to the War Department General Staff until 1942.

To those who have been awarded the following decorations: Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, and wears the following campaign ribbons: Victory Ribbon, Occupation of Germany, Yangtze Medal, American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic Theater with five campaign stars.

ROLFE ASST. COMMANDER
Brig. Gen. O. S. Rolfe, assistant division commander of the 71st, was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1917. He served overseas in World War I with the 7th Infantry, 3rd Division and won the Distinguished Service Cross at the Battle of the Marne in July 1918. He was wounded during the Meuse-Argonne offensive for which he received the Purple Heart.

Since the end of World War I, General Rolfe has served with many units, including service in Hawaiian Department from 1927 to 1930. From 1931 to 1941 he was instructor at Field Artillery School and in December 1941 he activated the First Battalion of the 8th Infantry Mountain Troops at Fort Lewis, Washington. He commanded the mountain training center until 1943. General Rolfe is a graduate of the Command and General Staff School and the Infantry School.

HENNING HEADS ARTILLERY
Division Artillery of the 71st is headed by Brig. Gen. Frank A. Henning. General Henning received his appointment to the United States Military Academy from North Dakota, his home

state. He was graduated from West Point and commissioned a second lieutenant July 2, 1920. He completed the field artillery basic course in 1921 and the advanced course in 1933. In 1939 he was graduated from the Army War College and the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1938. For four years prior to his assignment to the 71st Division on October 21, 1943, General Henning was attached to the General Staff of the Corps in Washington. His work

was confined to supply problems for which he was officially commended.

MOVED TO POST THIS YEAR
The 71st moved into the Sand Hill area of Fort Benning last May after a cross-country movement from the Hunter-Liggett Military Reservation in California. Its training programs have never let up a bit since the day it arrived.

Today the rich traditions of the American armed forces are clearly reflected in the 71st Infantry Division—traditions of resourcefulness, endurance and power. Its outstanding achievements the past 12 months are worthy of our highest praise. The standard of military courtesy, appearance and soldierly conduct which it has attained justifies the pride with which its personnel seem to take in their assignment to the 71st Division.

135 Freight Cars Needed Monthly To Stock Post PX

Perhaps no Post Exchange today is more devoted to its mission of providing the best possible service to its military personnel than is the Fort Benning Exchange. In over 90 activities ranging in size from popcorn stands to the large Main Exchange located on the Main Post, slightly over 1,100 civilian employees are engaged daily in making available to the military and civilian personnel of the post the items of convenience and necessity desired by them.

The task required to perform this mission is extraordinary in its application. If freight cars were used entirely for the purpose of delivering exchange merchandise, including beverages, from vendors to the reservation, well over 135 cars would be required each month. To those who have seen such a string of cars, the spectacle is little short of awe inspiring. Yet some idea of the tremendous quantities of merchandise of all kinds offered for sale in Fort Benning Exchanges is given by such a comparison. Of course, much of the merchandise purchased is delivered by truck, but in the item of beer alone, of which 1,500,000 bottles are consumed here monthly, approximately 50 cars are unloaded at the beer warehouse.

HERE'S THE IDEA

To give you some idea of the ravenous appetites of Benningites, over 4,000,000 soft drinks, 1,000,000 candy bars, 1,300,000 packages of cigarettes, 35,000 to 40,000 gallons of ice cream and 275,000 sandwiches were consumed in Exchange activities in October. In Restaurant No. 2, located on World Avenue opposite the 3rd Cavalry barracks, approximately 18,000 lbs. of hamburger and 4,000 lbs. of tomatoes were prepared during this same period. These figures, over many thousands of individual hamburgers and this is one reason why Mr. Dennis, restaurant manager, has been working hard to get his hands on the "contribution of service to the soldier. If such things as hamburgers, sandwiches, soft drinks, and a host of other items soldiers desire could be credited with anything like the upbuilding of morale, then the PX would be a place where many thousands contented G.I.'s at Fort Benning today.

MUNROE PX OFFICER

The activities of the Fort Benning post exchange are under the direction of Lt. Col. William A. Munroe who came to the post to assume this job last August. A graduate of the Army Exchange School at Fort Meade, Md., and formerly PX officer at Camp Croft, S. C., Col. Munroe has had 27 years of business experience with Sears-Roebuck in Nassau County, L. I.

He is assisted by Capt. G. J. Kelly, Capt. James Guthrie, and 1st Lt. Frank Caertner, assistant post exchange officers.

The PX officer has under his direction all feeding activities on the post with the exception of the regular unit messes and the Officers' Club.

The activities include 76 branches of the PX sprawling out all over the reservation; the service clubs, the post hostel, house and guest houses; the PX farm project of several acres, and the Central Procurement warehouse.

As Col. Munroe pointed out above, his staff exhausts every legal means of stocking the shelves of the PXs with items which the soldier wants.

For example, the Colonel called attention to a milk shortage. "We simply cannot get enough milk to fill the demands of our military soldiers. So what do we do? We have negotiated with dairy producers as far away as Wisconsin and have milk shipped here in pasteboard containers packed in ice."

There is also a shortage of candy. "We are in the grip of a supply; we let no grass grow under our feet in an effort to get a fair share of it for Fort Benning soldiers."

HOBBSON PRAISED
Right now, he says, the PX is getting ready for the pre-Christmas rush. Soldiers going home to their families on Christmas furloughs are going to want toys to bear as gifts to the children. The PX officer was quite worried that he would not be able to fill the demand because in war-time there is a great difficulty in securing toys. However, the situation has cleared up somewhat and a varied stock of toys should soon be on hand.

Col. Munroe is extremely proud of the interest taken by Brig. General William H. Hobson, post commander, in all PX activities. The General pays frequent visits of inspection to the PXs and is extremely solicitous that its shelves are well-stocked with soldier items.

The Colonel is also proud of the high morale of his corps of employees. He reminded us that the post cafeteria kitchen was damaged by fire late in October.

"Because of the 100 per cent cooperation of our employees, service was quickly restored," he said. "And do you think that our cooks and waitresses were worried about the mess created by flames, smoke, and water? Indeed they were not! Their one thought was that some soldier would go hungry that evening because of the fire!"

The exchange office is now housed in the office room over the new cafeteria, the soda shop is on the ground floor of the same building, with entrances on



MEMBERS OF ASSAULT SQUAD No. 12, Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry, 71st Division crouch in trench awaiting signal to begin assault on a fortified position as soon as artillery fire is lifted. Problem No. 235, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Reception Center Chorus on War Bond Rally Tour

Fort Benning's Reception Center Chorus got off to a fine start on its month-long war bond tour of 26 cities in the area of the Fourth Service Command by helping to sell \$216,175 in bonds at Jacksonville, Fla., according to a wire received from the Chorus immediately following the rally in the Florida city.

The chorus will continue with its tour, making appearances at rallies in cities in the seven states comprising the Fourth Service Command.

On its return, it will resume its regular Thursday night concerts over WRBL, Columbus.

Three departments are particularly outstanding in the expanded setup. They are the uniform department where OC students, officers, and men have a chance to get a big cut in the price of uniforms; the grocery department where officers living on the post with their families have a chance to get some dividends; and the Patrol Grill, with the beer gardens, which have done so much in keeping the men on the post with good entertainment.

Selfishness blinds, blinds, deafens, multiplies and deafens.

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display cases then another building housing the new clothing store, watch and jewelry repair shop, a barber and beauty shop, and a hat and shoe repair shop. This will be expanded as need and convenience dictate, it is stated.

The Post Exchange GIs have a unique place in a great concentration of population that is primarily men. With public utilities for a population of 150,000 people Fort Benning as a city would have a shopping district of some magnitude and stores and shops covering a variety of wants and needs for both males and female. Here on the Post a government-owned chain store does the work of that shopping district.

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over the populated parts of the 200,000 acres of ground that make this reservation quite a place. They are flexible, too, and whenever and wherever a new unit moves into the expanding military setup here a PX is located in some sort of a building or tent that the men may be able to buy, and if there is no tent or building, a truck is used so that the GIs will have their food, luxuries, drinks, and other necessities. Small daily needs.

In spite of this general decentralization, however, there has been a decided move toward having a convenient shopping district located on the Main Post, and the area selected is on World Avenue where at the time included only the Howard Bus Depot. To that locality came the Main PX, a decentralized and scattered all over the reservation with modern fixtures and

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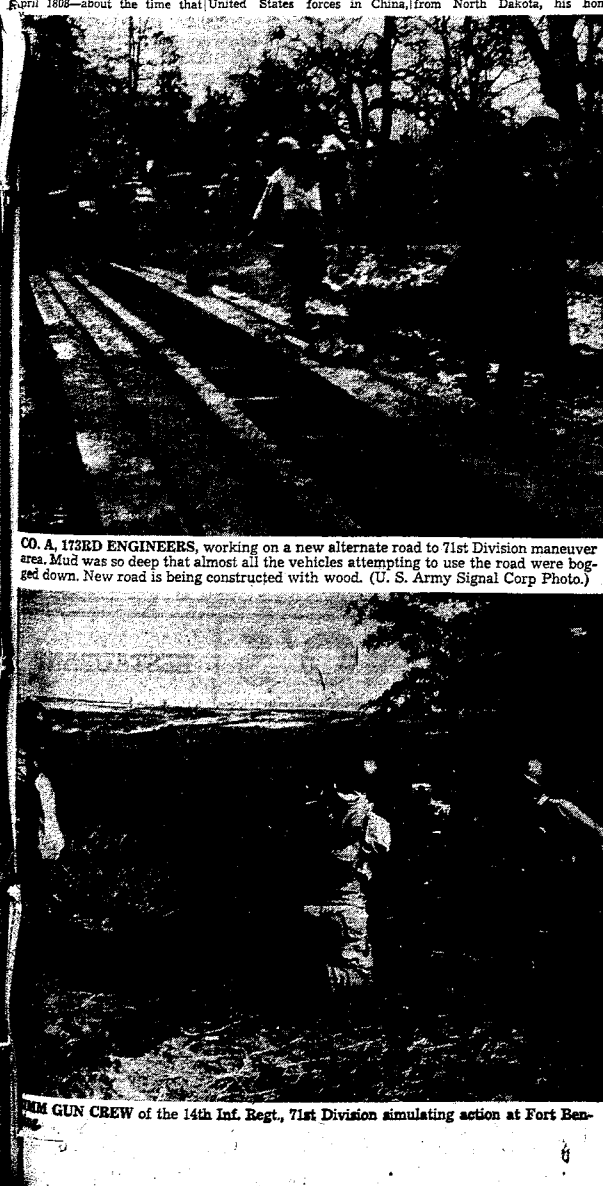
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CO. A, 173RD ENGINEERS, working on a new alternate road to 71st Division maneuver area. Mud was so deep that almost all the vehicles attempting to use the road were bogged down. New road is being constructed with wood. (U. S. Army Signal Corp. Photo.)

GUN CREW of the 14th Inf. Regt., 71st Division simulating action at Fort Benning.

Benning Enters 27th Year As Alumni Smash At Axis

As Allied might went into high gear in its objective to smash the Axis evil around the globe, Fort Benning, which has just entered into its twenty-seventh year, could note with pride the outstanding roles its graduates are playing on the world's battlefronts.

The glorious record of Benning trained officers and men spoke for itself as name after name of post-trained units and individuals were cited for decorations or for Presidential Citations.

In the course of the year since the Allied offensive got underway, THE BAYONET has published with pride officers and men listed for decorations and citations.

Speech-making the attack on all fronts were the Parachute School's famed troops who were trained on the reservation for the combat in which they were engaged. They are equally an important part were armored divisions which received a portion of their training at the Second Armored and the Seventh Armored. Officers who were assigned to either of these two divisions worked on the reservation for the rest of their own in the forefront of the European campaign.

Let us for a few minutes invite the readers' attention to the installation around which these units and individuals were poured into the ever-growing ranks of men, women and armament all ready on the spot for the inevitable victory over evil and from which more are to come until the final goal is reached.

Fort Benning—originally the home of the Infantry School and the Infantry Battalion—has been moved to a new site in 1918 to what is now considered the most complete army post in the continental United States, embracing approximately 21,368 acres. First located about 3 miles east of Columbus, Fort Benning now covers an area of 10,000 acres, and includes the best of Georgia, with other important installations on the west shores of the Chattahoochee.

Army activities blossomed forth. Parachute troops, air-borne infantry, air-borne artillery, armor—the latest adaptations of warfare are among the newest branches which have been assigned to units in the Middle East, paratroopers in England and Italy, Infantrymen in the New Guinea, Australia, and the Philippines at one time or another learned and practiced their art while training at Fort Benning.

"POTENT" TRAINING CENTER Although warfare has been shrouded many of the training activities of the post from description in the press, the Axis well known that Fort Benning is one of the most potent training centers of Uncle Sam's Army. Although training for warfare is the primary objective of the post, Fort Benning has diversified activities for sports and recreation for the troops here to the program for the men. Football and baseball stadiums, swimming pools, tennis courts, several houses, Service Clubs and many others are among the so-called "extra-curricular" activities which provide diversion for the troops who have occasion for recreation at the post.

Fort Benning is literally a metropolis within a metropolis. A number of troops here necessitates a large utility system which would dwarf those available to many communities. Water supply, drainage systems, heating and lighting systems, transportation and living facilities, offices and recreational facilities are so planned and directed that Fort Benning has come to be known as the most complete post in the United States.

In October, 1918, Camp Benning was first established about three miles east of Columbus, as the home of the Infantry School. In 1919 the principal administrative center of activity, which today is known as the post proper, was moved to its present location, nine miles south of Columbus.

NATURAL TERRAIN Features adjacent to the present location, which were considered especially suitable for training of troops and the needs of the school, were among the factors which brought about the change in location. In 1922 the reservation having been designated a permanent military establishment, the War Department changed the post's name from Camp Benning to Fort Benning.

During the two decades in which Fort Benning existed primarily for the use of the Infantry School and the Infantry Board, the reservation embraced an area of 97,240 acres. Additional land recently acquired gives it a total of 218,368 acres.

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The enlarged reservation measures about 30 miles north and south and about 27 miles from east to west. The post lies within two counties in Georgia and one in Alabama, the Chattahoochee River dividing the portions in each state. Today, various branches of the service are engaged in training units from the post utilize the far corners of the reservation for field exercises and maneuvers.

The first buildings erected on the reservation were of the wooden contentment type used in the early days of the Indian War. By 1938 practically all of these wooden buildings were replaced by permanent structures of steel, concrete, and brick. There were at that time approximately 1,500 buildings on the reservation. Today, large modern houses and apartment buildings to provide accommodations for the approximately 10,000 personnel who are stationed at that time made up the reservation's population. Today with the invasion of Europe and the hundreds of more buildings have been erected and many are in the process of building as construction work will go on.

Among the most recent projects completed is a modernized main exchange store, barracks and mess hall, a soda fountain, a canteen, and a new post office. The new post office is now functioning.

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OUT OF WILDERNESS AROSE 2D ARMY TENT CITY

Belden Discusses Big Business In Mother India

BY MAJOR ALVIN E. BELDEN
It is very difficult for one from the West to translate his thoughts regarding business practices in the Indian system. In the first place, so vast a section of the population has absolutely no real tangible assets. This is true of about 85 percent of the Indian population. The moneyed classes of India are either land owners or large scale, or merchant trading on a large scale. Then there are the minor inconsequential shopkeepers in the cities. The Indian system of business is very different from the Western system. In the first place, so vast a section of the population has absolutely no real tangible assets. This is true of about 85 percent of the Indian population.

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Noted Visitors Inspected TPS In Past Year

A long procession of distinguished visitors came to the Parachute school last year to witness the training program of paratroopers and to watch special maneuvers and demonstrations of troops in simulated combat held in their honor. These visitors included many famous in both military and civilian life. They came, they saw, and they expressed words of high praise for the work that was being accomplished by the school in training paratroopers. A special report on the details of the training and carrying on modern warfare.

Washington officialdom was also represented among the school's distinguished guests. In February 1944, the Under Secretary of War, Robert P. Patterson was accompanied by a delegation of publishers of the country's leading newspapers and magazines. Three months later, he was followed by the Secretary of War, Henry H. Stimson. Again and again, important military delegations from foreign countries came to study at first hand the training methods in the science of parachuting troops. In December, 1943, a group of twenty-one Brazilian army officers, including two high-ranking officers, came to study at first hand the training methods in the science of parachuting troops. In December, 1943, a group of twenty-one Brazilian army officers, including two high-ranking officers, came to study at first hand the training methods in the science of parachuting troops.

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Academic Regt. Loses Co. 'F'

F Company of the Academic Regiment, after almost three years' service in the Infantry School program of training combat leaders, was inactivated last week. The Company's weapons and range personnel have been transferred to Company E, the adjacent regimental unit in the Harmony Church area, in a consolidation move aimed at streamlining the school's manpower.

As a result the Academic Regiment, which at its peak consisted of 11 units, is today performing substantially the same duties for the school through the administrative facilities of only eight units, two of which are WAC Detachments.

F Company, long proud of its nickname as "the company with most esprit de corps in the school," held its inactivation party last week at the Harmony Church area. For the first time many of its newest men, veterans of all fronts of the war returned to the school to hear the details of some of the company's finest traditions.

Lt. Col. Marvin W. Jared, regimental executive officer who was company commander in 1942, and Lt. Frank J. O'Bryan, present commanding officer, commanded the party. They came, they saw, and they expressed words of high praise for the work that was being accomplished by the school in training paratroopers. A special report on the details of the training and carrying on modern warfare.

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Second Army Works Wonders In Tent City

BY CPT. LOUIS D. RUBIN, JR.
Seeing is believing and anyone who knew "Tent City," listened on the maps at the 64th Infantry Woods area, before the Second Army started work on the site last August, would probably marvel at the change if he saw it now.

From a motley collection of tents erected out in the woods, Tent City, under the direction of the 215th Ordnance Battalion, has blossomed forth into a regular miniature garrison, with most of the features of an entire post. The men who live under the canvas face the advent of winter with confidence that they'll be taken care of.

Many men are quartered in the 64th Infantry Woods now, in approximately 250 tents. These include personnel of the 215th Ordnance Battalion, with its attached companies, the 220th, 920th, and 388th Automatic Companies, and the 178th Ordnance Battalion and its attached companies, the 923rd and 221st Automatic Maintenance Companies, and the 170th Quartermaster Detachment.

Work is now going on to winterize completely all tents. Stoves will be installed in each tent, with offices waterproofed against the frigid blasts. They don't express condolences anyway when you tell them you're in Tent City. They're not needed.

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CHRONOLOGY—

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Parachute Training Regiment.
Lt. Col. Holman D. Hoover named commanding officer of the Second Parachute School.
Master Sergeant John Magoni, considered one of the key enlisted men in Army, dies.
Lt. Col. Clarence A. Will, post director of training, retires. He is replaced by Maj. S. E. Addis, assistant director of training.
War Fund drive exceeds last year's record of \$38,000 for Fort Benning personnel contributions.
Col. George Van Horn Moseley, Jr., holder of Legion of Merit and Purple Heart, returns to the Parachute School and is placed in command of Second Parachute Training Regiment.
Orientation course for wives and dependents of military personnel is announced.
Master Sergeant Otis S. May, regular Army veteran and veteran of the Spanish War, is selected to go to Norfolk, Virginia, to dedicate Landing Craft (Inshore) purchase of which was made possible by purchase of war bonds by Fort Benning personnel in Fifth War Bond Drive.
Fire damages post cafeteria, but no damage to personnel is reported.
Post-wide theatrical and dramatic group formed.

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WREL
P. M. - Let Yourself Go-WDAK
P. M. - Olney Simms and Soldiers
WBL
P. M. - Bill Henry News-WREL

The Post Engineer also is in charge of the fire department, with a crew of over 170 men,

5,175 Reports of Survey Handled in 1944 by Board

Did you ever wonder what the Army terminology "report of survey" meant, after your supply sergeant growled: "You can't survey this damaged... you'll have to pay for it on a statement of charges?"

All of us know by now what "Statement of Charges" means in replacing lost or damaged articles of issue, but a "survey" is the government's method of determining whether Uncle Sam or you will replace the property.

Remember the time you lost your raincoat on bivouac, or that sweltering July day when you ended that 15-mile hike with less equipment than when you started? Came "showdown day" and a kindly supply sergeant offered to try and replace your lost and damaged articles on a "report of survey."

The report, entailing a full description as to how the property was lost, damaged or destroyed, sends its way thru channels from your unit supply sergeant to the Property Adjustment Board.

THE BIG QUESTION
Here the board, following investigations in questionable cases, decides whether the government will replace the materials or if you will pay for them on the well-known "statement of charges."

This week we interviewed Major Freeman B. Daniel and his staff in the Claims and Survey Office in Post Headquarters to learn the myriad duties and operations that are accomplished in one of the offices which rarely comes under the GI spotlight.

All reports of survey which originate in Fort Benning covering property which is lost, destroyed or damaged are sent to the Property Adjustment Board for action.

Members of this board include Major Daniel, Captain Fletcher E. Bacon Jr., and Chief Warrant Officer James D. Beck. Master Sergeant Roy W. Miller serves as chief clerk of the board, and Mrs. Lee Kumpfer, a civilian employee, is secretary.

During the 1944 fiscal year, 5,175 reports of survey having a monetary value of \$1,001,042.17 were submitted to the board. Approximately twenty per cent of this number required an investigation by a surveying officer. An additional 30 per cent of the reports of survey were indorsed back to the responsible officers for correction or additional information.

Reports of survey have been received on all types of property issued by the government to GIs ranging from a set screw worth two cents to a medium tank valued at approximately \$100,000.

More than \$400,000 worth of

parachutes alone were worn out and placed on reports of survey for disposition by the Property Adjustment Board during the past fiscal year. Regulations require that parachutes be condemned after 100 live jumps. The chutes, incidentally are manufactured of real silk and in some cases of nylon, and the complete parachute assembly costs \$288.

BOARD FOR RELIEF
All officers responsible or accountable for government property must look to the board for relief from responsibility for all property lost, damaged, destroyed by fire, motor vehicle accidents, parachute jumps, field operations and normal garrison duties.

Recently property valued at \$22,000 was completely depredated by fire when an igloo burned in the Harmony Church magazine area. It was the duty of the Property Adjustment Board to make a thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding the fire to determine whether or not anyone should be held responsible for the loss.

Accountable officers must adjust their accounts prior to their departure from this station. This throws a particular burden upon the board when a unit as large as a division is being transferred from Fort Benning.

All reports of survey are not approved, it must be pointed out before GIs acquire the impression that all one has to do is to sign a report. During the past six months alone, the Property Adjustment Board has recommended pecuniary charges on reports of survey totaling over \$10,000.

Then, too, not all of the property damaged is considered a complete loss, for all damaged ordnance property is sent to the combined maintenance shop for repair or salvaging of parts.

Bnai Israel Invites Benning Personnel To Special Service

Special Thanksgiving services, to be followed by a Social Hour and the serving of refreshments, will be held at Temple B'Nai Israel Friday evening beginning at 9 o'clock EDT. The synagogue is located at Tenth Street and Fourth Avenue, and a cordial invitation has been extended to service men and women of the Jewish faith stationed at Fort Benning.

The earliest spoon was a chip or splinter of wood.
Egyptians had spoons of ivory, slate, flint and wood.



SESSION OF THE PROPERTY ADJUSTMENT BOARD convenes in Post Headquarters to review reports of surveys. More than 5,000 were submitted during past fiscal year. Master Sergeant Roy W. Miller, chief clerk of the board, is shown left reading report to the board. Chief Warrant Officer James D. Beck, Major Freeman B. Daniel and Captain Fletcher E. Bacon constitute board, while Mrs. Lee Kumpfer, secretary, takes notes.

TIS Commandant Has Served U.S. 33 Years

Major General Fred Livingood Walker, Commandant of the Infantry School and until recently Commanding General of the 38th Infantry Division which fought bitterly and successfully from Salerno to Rome and beyond, has been an officer of the Army since February 1911, when he became a second lieutenant of Infantry by taking a competitive examination.

He was graduated from Ohio State University, Columbus, O., in 1911, with a degree in engineering. He had been a member of "B" Troop, Ohio Cavalry, for four years when he took the examination for a commission.

The Distinguished Service Medal was awarded General Walker for his gallantry at Salerno. He landed on the beach with the leading elements of the American forces and personally directed regrouping of the forces which had been disorganized by the heavy German resistance. He commanded all American forces during the first 36 hours of the battle. The German assault was checked and the enemy was driven back far enough to secure the beachhead. The 36th continued to distinguish itself as the Fifth Army moved through Italy in the vanguard of the final push through Rome and beyond.

FOND OF TEXAS
Although he is an Ohioan, born in Fairfield County, Ohio, on 11 June 1887, his service in Texas

early in his Army career gave him a fondness for the state, and the men of the 36th Division, a National Guard division from the Lone Star State, displayed their affection for him when he left them to assume command of The Infantry School. The General didn't want to leave his men and they didn't want to lose him. They were worn and haggard after more than a month of fighting and chasing the troops for 250 miles. However, on the same ground where the Division established its beachhead at Salerno, the troops of the 36th unfurled the Stars and Stripes and the Red flag of Texas with its lone white star as he made his farewell remarks and voiced a heartfelt "wall done." Then they passed in review before him.

GOES TO FRANCE
General Walker's first service in the Army was with the 13th Infantry at San Antonio, Tex., and in the Philippine Islands. He returned to the United States in November 1914, was assigned to the 17th Infantry for border patrol duty at Camp Eagle Pass, Tex., and joined the Punitive Expedition into Mexico from April 1916 to February 1917. Later he was on duty at El Paso, Tex., with the 17th Infantry. Receiving promotions to first lieutenant on 1 July 1916, and to captain on 15 May 1917, he moved with the 17th In-

fantry from El Paso to Fort McPherson, Ga., in March 1917, and to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., the following August.
He joined the 30th Infantry at Camp Greene, N. C., in January 1918, and sailed with the 30th to France two months later. With the 34 Division he participated in the Aisne-Marne and Champagne-Marne Defensive, and the Aisne-Marne, the St. Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne Offensives. He received temporary promotion to Major on 7 June 1918. Wounded in action on 21 July 1918, he later received the Purple Heart, and for meritorious service, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.
He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism near the Marne River on 15 July 1918. According to the citation, General Walker's battalion faced the principal shock of the German attack on the French Army Corps front along a sector of the Marne front, but the battalion managed to inflict great losses on the enemy as the latter crossed the river. "Those who succeeded in crossing were thrown in such confusion that they were unable to follow the barrage and, through the effective leadership of this officer, no Germans remained in this sector south of the river at the end of the day's action," the citation reads. When one platoon had been cut off by an enemy battalion near the river, he sent other units to its relief and captured the entire battalion.

Another temporary promotion, to lieutenant colonel, came on 12 November 1918. Following the Armistice, he served as 3d Division Inspector.
Returning to the United States

Claims Officer Must Be Diplomat, Business Man

He Could Spell, Too!
Fort Knox, Ky.—This one actually happened in the Armored Replacement Training Center last payday, on the word of Capt. Charles A. Cohen, commanding officer of A-7. The men had been instructed in how to report for their pay. They had been told to come in, salute, and state: "Pvt. So-and-so reporting for his pay, sir."

The captain was paying off the men when a private came up to him, saluted snappily and said "Pvt. So-and-so reporting for his pay, sir."

"What!" said the captain. The trainee repeated. "And just how," asked Captain Cohen, "do you spell that?" The trainee replied: "S-o-a-n-d-s-o.—Armored News."

As the music started again a timid young Private lurking in the background darted forward. "Pardon me, Miss," said the trainee. "May I have the next dance?"

"I'm sorry, but I never dance with a child," she said with an amused smile. "Oh, a thousand pardons!" he said. "I didn't know your condition."

United States Third Army troops report the existence of a new German weapon, described as a radio controlled rocket weighing 14 tons, and with a two mile blast.

damages. The fire marshal submits reports of all fires to the claims officer and investigations are instituted in all cases where negligence appears evident. The claims officer also investigates and handles reimbursement on all registered and insured mail lost or stolen from the time it leaves the post office on the post for distribution to individual GIs. Claims for lost mail or packages under this category average three or four per month.

claims officer deems the claim to be correct. Claims over that amount are forwarded to Washington for approval by Congress. Fort Benning is one of 81 military installations in the country to pay maximum claims under the decentralized system. This reduces the amount of time formerly required to settle claims and speeds up the process by several months. Major Freeman Daniel estimates that claims against the government here at Ft. Benning average fourteen monthly, with the majority due to automobile or truck accidents. Some are due to tanks on maneuvers damaging private property off the reservation.

In the case of accidents, the claims officer holds military personnel responsible financially only where gross negligence is apparent. The government gives GIs the benefit of the doubt where the negligence contributing to accidents is simple or ordinary.

Another function of the claims officer is the investigation of all fires on the post in order to affix responsibility and payment of

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To you, then, the officers and men of Fort Benning, our salute—and with it our pledge to uphold on the home front the ideals and principles you are fighting to defend... to contribute everything that it is possible for air transportation to contribute to help speed the Victory we are all working and fighting to achieve.

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Map showing routes connecting cities including: BOSTON, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, WASHINGTON, RICHMOND, WINSTON-SALEM, RALEIGH, DURHAM, CHARLOTTE, GREENSBORO, LEXINGTON, HIGH POINT, FRANKFORT, LOUISVILLE, INDIANAPOLIS, CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS, EVANSVILLE, NASHVILLE, SPARTANBURG, CHATTANOOGA, GREENVILLE, COLUMBIA, BIRMINGHAM, MUSCLE SHOALS, MEMPHIS, MONTGOMERY, COLUMBUS, WACON, MOBILE, DOTHAN, TALLAHASSEE, LAKE CHARLES, BATON ROUGE, NEW ORLEANS, ORLANDO, TAMPA, MIAMI, WEST PALM BEACH, DAYTONA BEACH, JACKSONVILLE, BRUNSWICK, SAVANNAH, CHARLESTON, CORPUS CHRISTI, HOUSTON, BEAUMONT, PORT ARTHUR, SAN ANTONIO, BROWNSVILLE.